

From the Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard
February AS XXXVIII (2004)

Chronicler's Corner



Greetings, good gentles.

Canterbury Faire is almost upon us, so I hope your preparations are well in hand. It looks like being a fun event. For more details of what to expect, check out the advertisement and timetable on pages xii and xiii, and for directions on how to get there, consult the Canterbury Faire website: [HTTP://WWW.HINDIN.GEN.NZ/CANTERBURYFAIRE/](http://www.hindin.gen.nz/canterburyfaire/).

You'll see from the advertisement on page vii that I'm looking for a Deputy Chronicler, who will at some point replace me as Chronicler. This stint of being Chronicler has been four years, which I have enjoyed immensely. But I feel it's now time for someone else to have a go. So, if you're interested, or would like to find out more, please don't hesitate to get in touch (my contact details are in the Regnum and on the Southron Gaard website), or you can talk to me at Canterbury Faire.

Yours in Service to Southron Gaard
Baroness Sinech

Seamsters' Guild

This month's meeting will be on **Thursday, January the 20th** from **7.30pm** at the home of **Isabella la Serena (Mary-Beth Kent)**, **1/243 Barrington Street, Spreydon**. Bring along whatever needlework you're currently working on. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. Please contact **Baroness Sinech**, **ph. 382-6388**, **email: lilar@clear.net.nz**) if you have any questions, or need to organise transport.

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Bees and Hive—The Birds, 1488

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Their Excellencies Speak



Unto the populace of Southron Gaard do Callum and Chretienne send their greetings.

This is our last column as Baron and Baroness of this fair barony and by the end of Canterbury Faire we will be watching court from the back of the room and enjoying a change in life-style. As you may have read on the mailing list, our new Baron and Baroness will be Lord Bartholomew Baskin and Lady Katherine Kerr of the Hermitage. We congratulate them, and thank THL Richard d'Allier and THL Ethelind of Darkwood Keep for their offer of service.

We are really looking forward to Canterbury Faire, with the upcoming royal visit and the stepping up of our new Baron and Baroness. Once again, Lord Richard seems to have the event well under control and it all bodes well for a great weekend of fun.

Looking past the faire, we understand that the new Baron and Baroness will be continuing the tradition of asking for letters of intent for Baronial Championships, and if you intend entering you should check with them to see what they have planned.

We have, of course, many, many people to thank for the assistance and support we have received over the last four years, and we will try to get around as many as we can over Canterbury Faire. To those to whom we cannot, thank you, and we hope you will join us for a brew or two in days to come.

We remain, if only for a while,

Yours in service to Lochac

Callum & Chretienne

Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard

Long live Stephen and Mathilde,
King and Queen of Lochac

Long live Lochac

Survey Concerning Pegasus Going Electronic

There is a survey happening to see if people are interested in having *Pegasus* (The kingdom newsletter) switching to an electronic format. Please go to the following website to have your say:

<http://www.sca.org.au/seneschal/index.php/standard/77>

Fighters' Practices

Wednesday—Wednesday Fighters Practice from 6.00pm, Dean's Bush/Riccarton House, Kahu Road, Riccarton.

Sunday—10:00am in the park opposite the Richmond Working Men's Club, London Street, Richmond.

NB. These practices are unofficial events.

February Arts & Sciences New Location!

The February Arts & Sciences Sunday will be held at 1pm on Sunday, the 27th of February at the home of Condesa Catalina and Lord William, 75 Peverel Street, Riccarton. Please call 960-6214 if you need directions, have questions, etc.

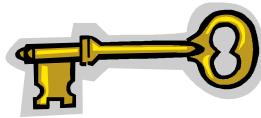
As always, please bring along any projects you are working on or just come to chat. In keeping with tradition, there will be pot-luck or take-away afterwards with a period-themed movie to round out the evening.

Allergy sufferers please note that we have a dog and a kitten.

Southron Gaard Order of Precedence Update

The Southron Gaard gentry list and Order of Precedence are two years out of date and are in the process of being updated. Could all members of the populace please take a look at the online gentry list at: <http://sg.sca.org.nz/order.htm> and check that their listing is correct. If your entry is not up to date or correct, or you cannot access the online list, please contact the Southron Gaard Herald, Peregrine Flamstead (herald@sg.sca.org.nz or 942-3990). Note that this will apply to anyone who has received an award since March 2002, regardless of whether you think we have a record of the award or not. The populace will have until Canterbury Faire to update their entry before the updated list is sent to kingdom.

From the Seneschal



I've had a couple of people asking me why I'm not 'making' more events happen. The short answer is that it's not the job of one person, or even a small group of people, to make events happen, but is something we all have a stake in. For the longer answer I need to pull out the old *Organisational Psychology* text book from Uni and go to the chapter on top-down and bottom-up management approaches.

In a top-down management style, ideas are generated and decisions made by a small group of people, such as a management team or committee, then disseminated to the rest of the organisation for implementation. This approach is efficient and brings ideas to fruition quickly however it has the disadvantage of seeming like cliquishness or even dictatorship to those not involved in the initial 'idea generating' phases. This kind of management style works well in a business situation where people expect the 'bosses' to be calling the shots, and have wages/salaries as their primary motivation but in a social or volunteer setting it tends to lead to division, resentment and reductions in volunteerism and participation (so say the management gurus).

A bottom-up management style primarily elicits ideas and suggestions from the wider organisation. Individuals may still bring fully formed proposals to the table but more often ideas will be 'brainstormed' amongst a wider group before reaching the concrete proposal stage. This approach has the disadvantage of being slower, more cumbersome and may seem to involve a lot of 'fruffing' about when compared to a top-down style, however it encourages a greater sense of inclusion and involvement from a wider range of people and fosters a feeling that everyone is a 'stakeholder' in the group. It is less efficient time wise but more effective in the long run because it keeps people's motivation and commitment to the group high.

Organisations run entirely top-down or entirely bottom-up are rare; most sit somewhere on a continuum between the two. The SCA is particularly interesting with our 'in-game' side being decidedly top-down and an 'out-of-game' side varying greatly from group to group.

Southron Gaard has long tended toward a top-down style in it's 'out-of-game' side and appears to be suffering from many of the problems associated with using that style in a volunteer context. But there is nothing to say that is the way we have to do it. Many SCA groups operate with a more bottom-up out-of-game approach, and several that have suffered problems similar to ours have successfully resolved these by moving towards a bottom-

up approach. That is the direction I have been working in over the past year.

We now appear to have most of the things we need to operate in a bottom-up style bedded in e.g. a mailing list that most participants have access to, greater accessibility to the newsletter and better attendance at council meetings. This has taken a while to achieve but given the amount of burn out and exhaustion so many of us were feeling I think a quiet year may have been beneficial in the longer term.

What we need now is YOUR participation. Many hands make light work, so please think about what you can do or would be willing to contribute over the next year. Speak up, put your hand up, we want to hear your ideas, your suggestions and your proposals. This is YOUR Barony. Please help us to help you to make it work.

Roheisa



New Arts and Sciences Officer Appointment

It is the determination of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Minister to appoint Condesa Catalina Orosol to the office of Arts and Sciences Officer of Southron Gaard as of 12th February.

Any reasonable objections to this appointment should be raised in writing to the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Minister at:

artsandsciences@sca.org.au

or to the postal address to be found in *Pegasus* (the Lochac Kingdom newsletter), no later than **January 28th**.

From the Baronial Heirs...

Unto the populace of Southron Gaard do Bartholomew and Katherine send greetings.

Our thanks to all those who have sent kind words and offers of help in recent days. And also thanks to the Barony as a whole for entrusting to us the roles we will adopt next month—we will do our level best to repay that confidence.

Between now and Canterbury Faire, we're trying to have face-to-face discussions with as many of the populace as we can, primarily in order to find out what elements of the SCA you most enjoy and how, we, in our in-game roles, can help maximise that enjoyment for you.

If we haven't already contacted you, and you'd be interested in having such a discussion (and perhaps getting to know us a little better, please do get in touch now to arrange a visit. You can email us, or call 384-5137 any time between 9am and 9pm.

If we don't see you at Canterbury Faire, we look forward to doing so at Baronial Anniversary on March 19. Most particularly, with regard to the latter, we hope to see many splendid and downright effusive letters of intent from the many splendid fighters and archers vying to become Baronial Champions.

Yours in service

Katherine & Bartholomew

Baronial Champions Arise!

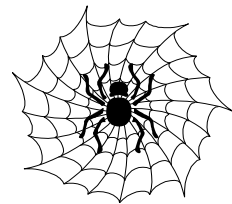
Now is the time for all good gentles to come to the aid of the Barony - should you wish to participate in the forthcoming Baronial Anniversary Championship as fighter or archer, please start drafting your letters of intent.

These may be scrawled on a nearby bit of slate, or calligraphed in your most elegant hand, but the key requirement is that they leave no doubt in the mind of the reader or listener of your firm intent and undoubted capability to wrest the Championship from all other contenders. Your letter will be read - an your script be legible - when you are introduced to the populace before the tourney, and we hope to exhibit them (those which are small enough to carry through the door) at the Baronial Anniversary Feast.

Either send through the posts (before March 15) to: Baronial Champions, PO Box 19-760, Christchurch, or have your courier, pack-train or sloop-of-war deliver them to the Hermitage or, failing that, to the event not less than 30 minutes before lists close. The latter timing is not negotiable, because the Herald appears to have acquired a whip.

Questions? Email peter@spis.co.nz

On the Web



http://www.vertetsable.com/demos_goresgussets.htm
A pictorial demonstration of how to sew in gores

<http://costume.dm.net/lowerclass/lcolors.html>
<http://costume.dm.net/lizcolor.html>
Sites for naming mediaeval colours, mainly English

http://ourworld.cs.com/_ht_a/constancefairfax/Claie.htm
Elizabethan colours in DMC threads for embroidery

<http://pages.sbcglobal.net/gcarnegie/article/article.html>
Information on dyes.

<http://www.prydein.com/pipes/mnu5/>
Mediaeval images of monkeys, including one playing bagpipes

<http://www.goldenhinde.co.uk/>
The Golden Hinde—a living-history museum

<http://tudorhistory.org/elizabeth/elizawhitehall.jpg>
<http://tudorhistory.org/elizabeth/thanksgiving.jpg>
<http://tudorhistory.org/elizabeth/elizahever.jpg>
<http://tudorhistory.org/elizabeth/oldeliza.jpg>
Images of Elizabethan garb

<http://www.rushlight.org/>
Site dealing with a variety of historical lighting

<http://www.appletonstudios.com/herald3.htm>
Heraldry for the computer

<http://www.pbm.com/~lindahl/cariadoc/>
A collection of period recipes

<http://www.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/books.html>
Weaving, Textiles, and Related Topics

http://www.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/topic_embroidery.html
Embroidery books, reprints of pre-1600 embroidery pattern books, articles about pre-1600 embroideries

<http://www.sca.org/heraldry/titles.html>
List of alternate titles for SCA use

<http://www.warehamforge.ca/ironsmelt.html>
Iron Smelting in the Viking Age CD—\$25CDN per (plus shipping)

http://www.geocities.com/herbs_with_harley
An SCA herbalist site

<http://www.rbgekew.org.uk/collections/ecbot/AncientEgypt.htm>
Kew Gardens collection of 600 ancient Egyptian artefacts made from plants

Minutes of the Southron Gaard Council Meeting

Tuesday January 11th, AS XXXVIII (2004)

PRESENT: Belle, Matt, Jen J, David R, Lila, Simone, Nick, Donna, Richard, Cat, Colleen, Meredith.

LATE: Roland, Melissa, Al, Charlene, Bobby, Rachel, Vicki, Peter.

APOLOGIES: Bastian, Steve Hoare.

MEETING OPENED: 7:31pm

LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: Accepted

OFFICER REPORTS

BARON & BARONESS: Started transferring stuff to Vicki and Peter's place. The poll was submitted and Vicki and Peter Hyde will be our new Baron and Baroness. Organisation has started for the changeover process.

Haven't heard details from Royalty regarding CF, but they are definitely coming.

SENESHAL: Written Report.

Dealt with Baronial Charter Poll. Dealt with applications for A&S officer. Will organise the announcements. Put ad in FTT re: Librarian. Have had several nibbles. Will depend on what new A&S wants to do. Tried to contact Chirurgeon re: last month's discussion about whether we need a chirurgeon at this point. No response. Wrote up an addition to the stewards' info on the details needed for internet payments on events. Got a copy of the old policy book stuff from Vitale

ACTION: NICK & MIN will get the Chirurgeon's phone number to BELLE

CHATELAINE: Will be attending Pas d' Armes and Planning Meeting. Received a phone call on the behalf of an English Society about St George's Day. Were asking if we could provide a dragon and a knight. Asked them to ring back (it was before Christmas) with more details.

Note. Alf's Imperial Army used to participate in these; suggest contacting them too.

REEVE: Written Report.

Balance in main account: \$5,240.58

Balance in FTT account: \$161.09

Thanks to Vitale for digging up a electronic copy of the SG policy book. I had a paper copy, but electronic is much better. Gave Richard details of new "Clearing Account". Two people have already paid for CF via this account. Went along with Roheisa and Terese for a look at the Somerfield Community Centre-- paid \$100 fee and \$100 deposit. Still don't have an official warrant! Continued concerns over FTT top-ups were expressed.

HERALD: Written Report.

Been focussing on updating the Southron Gaard OP. I have asked the populace via the email lists and FTT to check the online OP and get in contact with me if it is out of date. The populace has until Canterbury Faire to update entries, after which the updated list will be composed, put on the website, and sent to Kingdom. I have also been enquiring into the permission to conflict the Baronial badge with Master Nico-

demus. Shill short address for him.

ACTION: CATALINA will provide contact details for HERALD.

MARSHAL: Written Report.

No injuries reported, no tourney reports received, no applications for baronial marshal received. People thinking about it please actually put up hands. Richard put up hand.

LISTS: Now have a membership card. No events attended this month.

ARTS & SCIENCES: Correspondence about Stepping down; A&S at CF; and Librarian position. Countess Catalina will be new A&S officer, changeover 12th February. Any concerns or objections to this should go to Kingdom A&S officer. Notice to go in FTT and mailing list. Still looking for more A&S classes for CF, if anyone is interested in running one, please contact Simone ASAP.

Baronial Championship, running out of time. Will be down to things displayed at Baronial Anniversary. Kingdom would like copies of class notes for any classes held (at any time) for an online library.

CHRONICLER: Written report.

Correspondence In: Newletters: *Folia Roani*, *Messenger's Satchel*, *Clarion*; Items for FTT; email from Cynthia Cooper – she wants to discontinue getting hard-copy FTT and get it electronically, and any remaining sub can go towards FTT expenses etc.

Correspondence Out: January FTTs sent out; First PDF FTT to Vicki, who published it on the barony's website. Received positive response.

General: Madelein has resigned from being Deputy Chronicler. Post is open to any volunteers with the idea of eventually inheriting the post of Chronicler; Need more stamps, would also be useful to have a small supply of \$1.50 stamps for occasional postage to Australia.

ACTION: SINECH to check with exchange and complimentary recipients as to whether any wish to discontinue receiving hard-copy.

WEBWRIGHT: Written Report

Standard site updates made to Calendar, home page etc. FTT support page and January PDF issue added to site at request of Chronicler. Baronial planning meeting flyer added at request of Richard and Ethelind. Internet banking info for stewards added to site at request of Seneschal. Draft media briefing tips for media and SCA members under development, along with publication policy recommendations.

CHIRURGEON: No Report, no apology

CONSTABLE: No Report, no apology

QUARTERMASTER: Nothing to report. Still secure, garage doesn't leak, this is well tested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pas d' Armes: Is happening. Are allowed tents. Will not

have access to toilets on site. Starts at 1pm, can turn up earlier to pitch tents etc.

Baronial Meeting: Set to go, 1pm Sunday with a barbecue earlier. Bring chairs or sit on ground.

Canterbury Faire: Royals: Will be arriving late Thursday and leaving early Monday morning, Richard is organising transport with them. MELISSA AND AL have offered a ride back to town on Sunday night. Courts, etc., still need to be arranged. Suggestion of making some plans/proposals to pitch to their Majesties. Wine trail has been cancelled. Was going to be much more than expected cost.

REQUEST from VICKI and PETER that closing court be Tuesday evening not Wednesday morning.

Hirequip has already sold the Marquee (although still get to use it this year)

ACTION RICHARD to ask after current state of amphitheatre and let VICKI know if she needs to bring a sickle.

Baronial Anniversary: Site change: now will be at Somerfield Community Centre, hoping to get grounds of Somerfield School for tourneys but won't know until can get hold of school office (poss. 22 Jan) Feast will be limited to 80 people. Suggestion from Baroness-elect that it might be nice to have court at the tourney, then a grand procession into the feast; this is still an idea, under consultation. Cook is looking for a high-top barbecue. Poss. get from Richard, Terese, or Cat. Charlene is still deputy for event.

ACTION ads still to go in Pegasus and FTT.

Will be selling tickets at CF Market, will also have some flyers. Will be doing tokens, sponsored by Terese. Belle requires \$150 advance for food.

GENERAL NOTE: budget forms are evil and heinous; need further simplification.

Yule Proposal From Roheisa: Indoor event. Yule themed night of entertainments. Some organised, some presented, others spontaneous. Medieval Christmas carols and music. Dancing a candle dance especially; Singing; Mummers' play; Story telling contest; Games; Quest or treasure hunt; Gifts of some kind Buffet supper - finger foods, Boar's head, chestnuts, mince pies, spiced ale, posset etc. Evergreen decorations, lots of candles, ideally a fire place or similar. Lots of atmosphere. June 25th, close to solstice/yule. (which is 22nd)

Ball in early June: put forward by Heloise. There will be a proposal sometime after CF.

Spring Event? Elizabethan Feast. Eleanora. Possibly in September. Pencilled in.

GENERAL BUSINESS

New B&B selected. Katherine Kerr and Bartholomew Baskin. Will be stepping up at CF.

Baronial Charter. The poll was run. 15 responded. 13 were in favour of the changes. 13 voted for option A, one for option B, and one for neither option. Changes have been accepted. The confidence poll is in favour of a Baronial survey.

Kingdom Levy: \$1 per person 18 or over. Can have it either as a hidden cost within event budgets or stated specifically along with ticket price. Also can pay kingdom on a by-event basis or in estimated quarterly chunks.

DECISION: Hidden cost is generally easier on steward. Paying Kingdom on a by-event basis is easier on Reeve. Event stewards will report to the Reeve with number of attendees at each event and the Reeve will transfer that many dollars to the kingdom levy funds from the event profits or general funds as necessary.

General Note: Methven Summer School runs a cheese-making class (next will be next summer).

Policy Book: Was read through, and we decided that the policy book needs a general review.

ACTION: strike out "kingdom travel fund" policy, no longer relevant.

ACTION: REEVE to check out kingdom policies on paying for petrol costs to stewards, etc.

ACTION: REEVE to write out changes to wording, etc., then post to mailing list (and possibly FTT) for comments, then bring back to next council meeting.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.50pm



Deputy Chronicler Wanted

I am looking for a Deputy Chronicler, with a view to their becoming Chronicler in the not too distant future. The Chronicler's job involves:

- Gathering material, including regular columns, etc. (usually only requires a reminder or two)
- Layout of material (I use MS Publisher, but this is not a necessity). I currently use two separate documents—one for the A5 version that is printed, and one for the A4 version that becomes the electronic FTT.
- Printing the master for the A5 booklet, taking it to the printer and picking it up again. NB. It is envisaged that fewer people will require a printed newsletter as more people access it online.
- Creating the PDF (I do this with CutePDF, which can be downloaded free) of the A5 version and emailing it to the Web Wright to be put on the Southron Gaard web site.
- Addressing and mailing out newsletters by the first of each month.
- Attending monthly council meetings and producing a monthly officer report.

None of this is difficult, but you will need a computer and email, transport (or live near a printer), a good command of English, and the ability to meet a monthly deadline. For more information, or to express interest, please contact the Chronicler, Baroness Sinech (see Regnum).

Baronial Anniversary



Date: Saturday March 19th, 2005

Times to Note:

BARONIAL ARCHERY TOURNEY: Commences at Noon

BARONIAL CHAMPION HEAVY TOURNAMENT: Commences at 2:00 pm (as in fighters to be in armour ready to commence at 2:00 pm)

BARONIAL ARTS CHAMPION: Entries to be displayed by 2:00 pm

FEAST: First course to be served at 6:00 pm sharp. If you have any special dietary requirements, please advise with your booking so that we can cater for you.

COSTS: Feast: \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 children under 12
Day member fee: \$2.00
Kingdom travel fund contribution \$1.00

LOCATION: Somerfield Community Centre and Environs (47 Studholm Street, Spreydon)

STEWARDS: Terese de La Maunche (mka Meredith Hart), deputy Lady Matilde

HEAD COOK: Mistress Rohesia le Serjent

Bookings contact: Meredith, ph 980-8117, email meredith.hart@paradise.net.nz,
Postal address: P O Box 717, Sydenham, Christchurch

Bookings Close: 11/03/2005 or when the hall reaches capacity, whichever is sooner

Please make cheques payable to SCA NZ Inc., Southron Gaard

All are welcome to this celebration of Nine years as a barony. In particular we extend an invitation to any who are new, and to those who have not attended an event in some time. Mistress Rohesia is preparing a delightful feast and no doubt acts of courage, chivalry and skill will be on display in the various Baronial championships.

To make booking and paying easier, we will have a table at the
Canterbury Faire Market

PAGES, PAGE

Greetings to all pages of Southron Gaard.

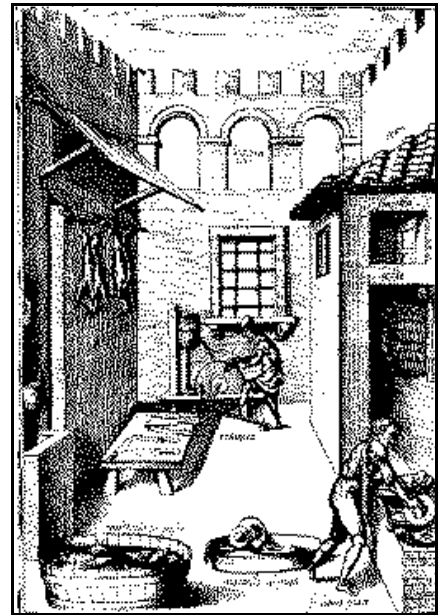
In preparation for the Page School to be held at Canterbury Faire, here is a reminder of how to be a good page:

ON THE EDUCATION OF A PAGE

In the style of *How the Good Wife Taught Her Daughter*, ca 1475 From *The Babee's Book*, ed. by Rickert

When thou standest in the court to the Herald's statements hark,
Tease not the Baroness's dog nor cause the pup to bark.
Attend upon Her Excellency, for she may have a task
For you or others to perform; be ready should she ask.
Let your responsibility
Match your maturity
My good Page.

When thou movest round the hall, make not too much haste.
If you would play and sport, find a suitable place.
Remove your footwear if there's need, be sure you do not track
Leaves or mud into the hall on your feet or on your back.
Always take care lest
You be thought a poor guest.
My good Page.



Hide not Sir Vitale's hat unless he says you may;
The headgear of the chivalry are not toys for play.
Likewise give the Baron frequent chance for rest.
He needs a break if he's to sport with you with all his zest.
Always taking care
To treat your playmates fair.
My good Page.

Be sure to spend some time to contribute to the day.
Give the cook or steward a bit of help between your play.
They have wisdom to impart, if you'll but go and ask.
You'll find you may learn from them as you help them with
the task.

When we are all prepared
To help, joy, too, is shared.
My good Page.

Calendar

Events marked in **bold** are local; others should be listed among the miscellaneous contact details. Any events marked in *italics* are hosted by groups other than Southron Gaard.

February

Wed 02	Fighters' practice
Fri 04	Pub social night (check email list)
Sun 06	Fighters' practice, Archery
Tue 08	Southron Gaard Council meets
Wed 09	Fighters' practice
Fri 11-Wed 16	Canterbury Faire (see p)
Thu 17	Guild of Seamsters meets (see p ii)
Sun 20	Fighters' practice, Archery
Wed 23	Fighters' practice
Sun 27	Fighters' practice, Archery

March

Wed 02	Fighters' practice
Fri 04	Pub social night (check SG email list)
Sun 06	Fighters' practice, Archery
Tue 08	Southron Gaard Council meets
Wed 09	Fighters' practice
Sun 13	Fighters' practice, Archery
Wed 16	Fighters' practice
Thu 17	Guild of Seamsters meets
Sat 19	Southron Gaard Anniversary event (p)
Sun 20	Fighters' practice, Archery
Wed 23	Fighters' practice
Sun 27	Fighters' practice, Archery
Wed 30	Fighters' practice

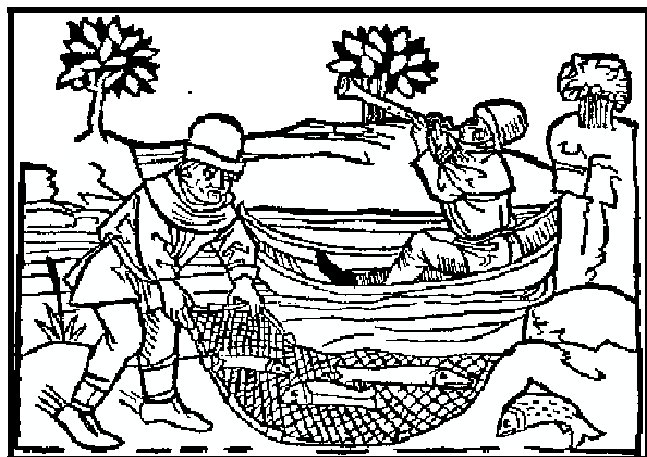
Far Future

May 07-08 2005—May Crown Tourney, St Florian de la Riviere

Midwinter Coronation 2005—bids are now open, and will close at Rowany Festival.

November Crown Tournament 2005—bids will open at Rowany Festival, and close at Midwinter.

Twelfth Night Coronation 2006—Bids will open at Midwinter, and close at Spring War (October).



Fish caught using music—from a mediaeval woodcut

University of Canterbury Medieval and Renaissance Society

Weapons practice - Saturday, 10.00 pm., Spreydon School sports field, corner of Curletts Road and Lincoln Road, and Wednesday 8:00 p.m., Ballroom, UCSA, 90 Ilam Rd. All welcome. Participation in martial arts is subject to approval by the Weapons Master.

Arts and Sciences classes: Wednesday 6.30 p.m., International room, UCSA, 90 Ilam Road.

Dance Classes: Thursday 7:30 p.m., Lower Common Room (LCR), UCSA, 90 Ilam Road.

For further details, see contact details in the regnum.

Events Afar

See Regnum for contacts and web sites

Ildhafn (Auckland)

Wednesdays	Fight practice, needlework
Saturdays	Archery practice
Sundays	Fighters' practice

Dartonshire (Wellington)

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Wellington Mediaeval Guild

Sundays	Dance practice
Wednesdays	Arts & Sciences meeting

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Thursdays	Fighters' practice
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Miscellaneous Contact Details

Southron Gaard Council: 7:30 pm, second Tuesday of each month, at the Clarence Street Methodist Church hall, corner Clarence and Nelson Streets, Riccarton.

Seamsters' Guild: 7:30 pm, third Thursday of each month to discuss and work on sewing and handcraft projects. Contact Baroness Sinech for topics and further information: (03) 382-6388; lilar@clear.net.nz

Fighters' Practices: Wednesdays, 6.30 pm, at Richmond Park (opposite Working Men's Club, London Street); and Sundays, in conjunction with archery, from 10.00 am at Dean's Bush, Riccarton.

Archery Practices: Fine Sundays from 2:00 pm, Kirkwood Avenue entrance, Kirkwood Intermediate School. Targets and some bows available. Contact Lord Richard d'Allier (see Regnum).

Middle Eastern Guild of Southron Gaard: For information on upcoming meetings and projects contact Lady Heloyse, email: chevron @paradise.net.nz or phone 981-1066.



The Dramatikal Companye of Lord Lovell's Men



plans to present a theatrical event at Canterbury Faire
next, to be known as the Half-Circle Theatre

For the space of an evening's hour upon the stage, will we present plays, poems, songs and other such formal entertainments to lighten the hearts or deepen the minds of our audience. The intent is to perform within the small amphitheatre, from 9.30 or thereabouts of Saturday e'en after the Ball; playbills confirming such will be posted at the Faire.

Raised seating will be reserved for those paying five gold pieces; tickets available at the Faire, said fee to cover the cost of mulled wine and roasted nuts. Groundlings will also be most welcome, and a hat shall be passed for whatever gold, copper or barter items can be extracted.

The Tailors', Mercers' and Haberdashers' Guild of Lochac

announces its Canterbury Faire Competition

Category: Camping Wear - Any outfit that is practical for camping wear.

Additional points will be given for items of use in camp activities, from cooking to protection from inclement weather, including footwear, headwear and other accessories. Entrants must include main garment, at least minimal underwear and one item of 'weather' attire (hose, hood, jacket, collar, gloves, hat (not purely decorative) etc.

Outfits with less than this minimum will be accepted, but cannot achieve full marks. Due to the short notice, documentation in the form of rough notes will be accepted. There will be small token prizes for first to third, plus an encouragement award.

Please inform Dame Yolande as early as possible during Canterbury Faire if you wish to enter this competition. Judging will conclude by Tuesday morning, or earlier if all entrants have submitted their entries. You do not need to be a guild member to enter this competition.

FAQ

- Who are the Tailors, Mercers and Haberdashers Guild of Lochac? We're a newish guild that wants to encourage the research and production of clothing from the pre-1600 period.
- Why do we run competitions? Because it's the only way that most of us ever get our act together to finish everything before big events rather than just sewing ourselves into everything through the camping weekend. Also, pretty prizes!
- Why have I not heard about this competition before? Er, we only just thought it up the other day and then Yolande's computer blew up so she didn't get this notice out immediately. Sorry.
- Why are we running this very last-minute competition at Canterbury Faire anyway? Adele asked for one and we were all in a very enthusiastic mood.
- What if I just want to chat about the garb and not compete? Fine, dandy and AOK.
- Can I join the guild? Yes! Just go to www.sca.org.au/tailors and follow the instructions.

THE BARONY OF SOUTHRON GAARD PRESENTS

CANTERBURY FAIRE 2005

VENUE: WAIPARA RIVERSIDE PARK, 137 DARNLEY ROAD, AMBERLEY
DATES: 11TH - 16TH FEBRUARY 2005
STEWARD: THL RICHARD D'ALLIER (RICHARD GOODWIN)
PH. (03) 352-1101
EMAIL: CANTYFAIRE@SG.SCA.ORG.NZ
WEBSITE: HTTP://WWW.HINDIN.GEN.NZ/CANTERBURYFAIRE/

CANTERBURY FAIRE 2005 IS HERE AGAIN AND WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER. MORE FIGHTING, ARTS, SCIENCES, ARCHERY, RAPIER AND REVELRY THAN EVER BEFORE!

THE EVENT WILL BE 5 WHOLE DAYS AND NIGHTS OF FUN, INCORPORATING THE USUAL MARVELLOUS FEAST, A FANTASTIC HARVEST BALL, TOURNAMENTS, RAPIER COMBAT, ARCHERY AND A&S CLASSES.

PRICES: FULL EVENT ADULT: \$46, CHILD: \$20.50
SINGLE NIGHT: \$10, SINGLE DAY: \$5,
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE BOOKED BY 29 JANUARY
FEAST: \$15 (CHILDREN 5-12 HALF PRICE, UNDER 5 YEAR OLDS ARE FREE.)
TENT: \$10 (LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE),
SOUVENIR BAG: \$10.
LOCHAC KINGDOM SURCHARGE (\$1) AND SCA NZ DAY MEMBERSHIP (\$2)

WE ARE ALWAYS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL SORTS OF THINGS, INCLUDING GATE DUTY, PORRIDGE MAKING, FIELD HERALDRY, MARSHALLING, A&S CLASSES... EVERYTHING! VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ENTITLED TO ENTER THE VOLUNTEER RAFFLE (PRIZES INCLUDE VAST QUANTITIES OF BRAID, BUTTONS AND OTHER ACCESSORIES, KINDLY PROVIDED BY THL JUSTINA MARIE DE BERGERAC OF STARKHAFN). DONATION OF PRIZES FOR THE VOLUNTEER RAFFLE WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

- ♦ **ARTS AND SCIENCES:** OUR A&S CO-ORDINATOR IS NOW SCHEDULING CLASSES. ANYONE WISHING TO TEACH A CLASS SHOULD CONTACT BARONESS ELEANORA (SIMONE@HINDIN.CO.NZ, PH. (03) 981 1485)
- ♦ **COME YE BARDS!** THE BARDIC AUCTION WAS SUCH A SUCCESS LAST YEAR, WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN! **DONATIONS FOR PRIZES ARE NOW BEING SOUGHT.** ENCOURAGE NEW BARDS TO DO BATTLE WITH OLD HANDS BY DONATING FINE WARES TO INSPIRE THEIR EFFORTS.
- ♦ **ARRIVAL AT THE EVENT:** WE WILL BE ARRIVING ON SITE AS ANOTHER GROUP LEAVES. NOONE SHOULD ENTER THE SITE UNTIL THE GATEHOUSE IS SET UP AND IS LETTING PEOPLE THROUGH.

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT STEWARD, RICHARD ON (03) 352-1101 OR BY EMAIL TO CANTYFAIRE@SG.SCA.ORG.NZ

	FRIDAY 11 TH	SATURDAY 12 TH	SUNDAY 13 TH	MONDAY 14 TH	TUESDAY 15 TH	WED 16 TH
8:00		BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
9:00		ARCHERY PRACTICE	HEAVY TOURNEY	A&S CLASSES	WAR (MIXED)	CLOSING COURT
10:00		OPENING COURT				PACK UP
11:00	SITE OPENS	HEAVY TOURNEYS		RAPIER TOURNEY		
12:00					WINE TRIAL	
1:00		LUNCH	MARKET BEGINS/ BARDIC AUCTION	LUNCH	LUNCH	SITE CLOSED
2:00		RAPIER PRACTICE		WAR	ARCHERY	
3:00		WAR	ARCHERY TOURNEY			
4:00					RAPIER	
5:00			A&S DISPLAY (CONTINUES INTO THE FEAST)			
6:00	DINNER	DINNER		DINNER	DINNER	
EVENING	A&S CLASSES/ AUTHORISATIONS	BALL	FEAST			

MEALS AND SUCH

UNLIKE SEVERAL PREVIOUS CANTERBURY FAIRES A CATERING OPTION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE EVENT THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, WE REALISE THAT SUCH A SERVICE CAN MAKE IT A LOT EASIER TO ENJOY THE EVENT IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING FROM AFAR.

TO THAT END WE ARE ENCOURAGING A MORE INFORMAL WAY OF HOSTING OUR GUESTS THIS YEAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE LOCALS WHO HAVE FRIENDS TRAVELLING TO THE EVENT TO LOOK AT HOSTING THEM WITHIN THEIR OWN ENCAMPMENTS OR INCLUDE THEM IN SELF-CATERING PLANS WHERE POSSIBLE. WE IN SOUTHRON GAARD ARE RENOWNED FOR OUR HOSPITALITY, AND THIS WILL ENCOURAGE US ALL TO SHARE IN THE EXPERIENCE OF AN SCA CAMPING EVENT.

WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGING MERCHANTS TO COME FORWARD AND LOOK AT PROVIDING MEAL OPTIONS ON A PRIVATE BASIS.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING FROM AFAR, AND AREN'T SURE WHERE TO BEGIN, WE ARE HERE TO HELP. PLEASE CONTACT THE STEWARD AND WE WILL ENSURE THAT YOU WILL BE LOOKED AFTER. WE ARE ALSO HAPPY TO ASSIST LOCALS WITH INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS.

THE EVENT SITE OFFERS MARVELLOUS FACILITIES TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO SELF-CATER EFFECTIVELY. AS A START, PEOPLE CAN CATER WITHIN THEIR OWN ENCAMPMENTS (FIRE RULES APPLY), OR USE THE DESIGNATED BBQ AREAS TO PREPARE MEALS. EACH OF THE BUILDINGS CONTAINS KITCHEN FACILITIES, AND THE MAIN KITCHEN WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL THIS YEAR, EXCEPT ON THE DAY OF THE FEAST. LIMITED FREEZER SPACE AND A LARGE CHILLER WILL BE AVAILABLE.

SHOPS AND A SUPERMARKET ARE A SHORT DRIVE AWAY (10 MINUTES TO AMBERLEY). SUPPLIES CAN BE PICKED UP ON THE WAY TO THE EVENT, OR DURING THE EVENT AS REQUIRED.

THE MILK DELIVERIES WILL ALSO CONTINUE THIS YEAR, WITH ATTENDEES BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE FROM A RANGE OF GOODS, HOPEFULLY INCLUDING ICE (TBC).

The Peerless Kitchen At Canterbury Faire

DINE LIKE A MERCHANT OF MODERATE MEANS! ENJOY THE VARIED COMPANY OF FELLOW TRAVELLERS! EXPERIENCE THE AMBIENCE OF A ROADSIDE TAVERN!

(rats extra, fleas subject to availability)

Oyez, oyez!

This year, the Peerless Cookshop will join the Mangy Mongol at Canterbury Faire. Terese and Adele will be cooking on three nights of the Faire for lords and ladies, knaves, pilgrims, wanderers, and such as will pay to dine at our table.

Will we serve three evening meals as follows:

FRIDAY*	Roast beef Fresh bread and butter Cheese Pickles Salad Fruit and cream
SATURDAY*	Tagine of lamb Couscous Salad Revani Yoghurt
MONDAY*	Roast chicken Noodles with cheese Salad Raisin pastries

*Please note that menus are provisional and may vary slightly.

Costs and Bookings—Per meal: \$6.00
Half portion \$3.50

Some food may be available for casual customers, but to guarantee a full belly, a booking is essential. Numbers will be limited, as will times of service.

Bookings should be made to:
The Peerless Cookshop
PO Box 7175, Sydenham, Christchurch

Please make cheques payable to Colleen Davis. Please include the following information with your booking: Name, mundane name, days dining, postal address. CUTOFF DATE FOR PREBOOKING IS 31ST JANUARY. NB. This is not an official part of Canterbury Faire and is not endorsed by the event steward or Southron Gaard.

Canterbury Faire Luncheons Available

Lady Veronica and Lady Mathilda are pleased to announce that they will be providing luncheons for sale at Canterbury Faire.

Our menu will consist of bread rolls, mixed salad, cheese and a selection of cold meats, accompanied by summer fruits and cordials.

Luncheon will be served adjacent to the Mangy Mongol Tavern, times of service to be announced and limited to the luncheon hour.

This menu will be available Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday on a casual basis for the price of \$4 per meal, or at a discount price of \$14 for all four days, if pre-booked. Other booking options are by arrangement.

Bookings (and expressions of interest for numbers) are to be made to Lady Mathilda at:
charlene@paradise.gen.nz

* **Please note:** The aforementioned catering package is a private arrangement between those providing the service and those choosing to receive the service. The aforementioned catering package is not sponsored by the Barony of Southron Gaard, nor does it have any official status in respect of the Barony of Southron Gaard, or Canterbury Faire 2005*



Wanted...

Baronial Constable

Southron Gaard needs a new Constable.

Responsibilities include tracking lost property and acting as general safety officer at events.

Although this a relatively light-weight office, event attendance is helpful.

Please direct enquiries to the Seneschal (see Regnum for contact details).

Applications close on February the 6th, 2005.

Medieval Women and Education

By Chretienne de Haverington

Many people would assume that there was little or no formal education available to women in this period. However, in truth, the education available to women varied throughout Europe, and greatly depended upon your family and their status.

The types of education that were on offer could vary greatly, and were often vocational in nature. These were generally available in four main places: in nunnery schools, in great households, in apprenticeships and in secular schools. Of course whether or not you were able to take up one of these options would depend on your social placing and whether or not your parents considered educating a girl worthwhile.

While a basic education for most young women would consist of lessons in household management and polite behaviour, most of the etiquette books of the fourteenth century recommended an elementary education for women, the theory being that if young women could read, then the study of devotional material would keep them out of trouble.

So while it may have been expected that many young girls and women of the middle class would have been given basic literacy skills, there are some notable exceptions. These include the famous Margery Kempe who, although born an English mayor's daughter, never

learned to read and therefore had to dictate her life



story on her death-bed; and Margherita Datini, a prosperous Italian merchant's wife.

Although Margherita was born into a noble family, she also was not taught to read. Yet she ran her husband's household and took a firm hand in his business affairs, although this was not always welcomed by her husband. In fact Margherita learned to read in order to continue some of the more argumentative correspondence that she and her husband shared. Prior to that she had to have his letters read to her and have her replies dictated.

For a courtly lady, a 'gentle' education was vital. A courtly lady had to be well versed in the art of courtly love. She would have been encouraged to read the books and treatises available on the subject, including Ovid's 'Art of Love'. Also a young lady would be expected to be 'accomplished' in a wide variety of activities. In one poetic romance (aimed at young ladies of the court, equivalent to our 'Mills and Boon') Robert de Blois enumerates the qualities of his heroine:

"She could carry and fly falcon, tercel and hawk, She knew well how to play chess and tables, how to read romances, tell tales and sing songs. All the things a well-bred lady ought to know she knew and lacked none."



In another such romance ('Flamenca'), the heroine addresses one of her maidens, saying: "A lady is all the better is she is adorned with a little learning."

However as some texts exposed the education of women, some were conservative in nature. Some, such as the works of Philippe de Navarre and the Knight of La Tour Landry, condemn the learning of women and, in the case of Philippe de Navarre, forbids any women to read or write.



However real these opinions may have been at the time, from the other material available it would appear that these were extremists.

Nunneries took on small numbers of girls as boarding students, and although the numbers at each school were quite small, most nunneries took on students. In England two out of three nunneries kept schools. While what was taught at these schools is hard to know for certain, in later years (the seventeenth century) one school boasted that it had taught: "needlework, the art of confectionary, surgery, physic, writing, drawing, etc.," during this period.

However it should be noted that these schools were generally very expensive and could only be afforded by the wealthy. This may have been seen as providing daughters of the 'up and coming' but 'not quite there yet' with a gentle education that they would need to get good marriages. Generally the noble born would raise their daughters at home, with private tutors to instruct them. Also it was common to send their daughters to

the households of great ladies. They would act as ladies in waiting while receiving training in 'good breeding'.

The development of the secular schools in Medieval towns made provisions for both boys and girls. It became increasingly necessary to have an elementary understanding of reading, writing and arithmetic. Many future nuns and abbesses began their education at these secular schools.

The number of these schools, and the number that allowed girls to attend, varied greatly. In England, for example, there is little evidence of female students. However in 1338 the author Villani gives the figure of eight to ten thousand pupils, both boys and girls, who were attending school in Florence.

Although in the early stages most secular schools only allowed girls to attend for a few years, in order to receive a basic education, there is evidence that in some areas young women continued on to higher education. In some cases they were even permitted to enter universities.

One such woman was Beatrix Galindo. Originally from Spain, Beatrix travelled to Italy to attend the university at Salerno. Here she received a degree in Latin and philosophy. She returned to Spain and took up a post as a professor at the prestigious University of Salamanca. She was even hired to teach Queen Isabel's daughter Juana, and later in her life she founded a hospital in Madrid.

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