

From the Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard
July AS XXXX (2005)

Chronicler's Corner



Greetings, good gentles.

Welcome to my first edition of *From the Tower* - somewhat late due to unexpected technical issues, for which I hope you will forgive me.

My thanks to the Barony for allowing me this opportunity to contribute, and also to Sinech for her kindness and patience with the changeover details.

There have been many happenings of late, some of which I have attended. Yule was a highlight and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. There is nothing quite like dancing by candlelight, and the food was astonishing, both in quantity and quality. I heard several people say they had eaten less at feasts.

If you have a chance, do go along to Science Alive to see the Medieval Display including the magnificent Bayeux Tapestry recreation. And of course, some offerings from our own SCA members.

In service to Southron Gaard
Rose de Ludlow

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Their Excellencies



Speak....

In the time since our own investiture in February last, two more couples have taken up the coronets of Baronies within this Kingdom - Their Excellencies Drake Morgan and Blodeuwedd y Gath of Innilgard¹ and Giles Leabrook and Maude le Laitiere of St Florian de la Riviere².

We have passed on Southron Gaard's good wishes to them, along with our thanks to their predecessors. The Baronages of Lochac are in close contact with each other, so that we may share ideas, tap the accumulated experience and wisdom of our cousins, and further the aims and ideals that we all share in common throughout these lands.

We are looking for further ways to encourage such contacts by populace and peers, as this provides an opportunity to enrich the lives of all. By virtue of our differing histories, we can each be surprised and, one hopes, encouraged and enthused to hear of different ways of dwelling within these modern Middle Ages. This may be in something as simple as seeing a new way to lace a gown, or the vastly more complex practices of baronial and kingdom court intrigue and diplomacy.

We have been very pleased to see members of Southron Gaard so active in sharing their knowledge and experience in the diverse fora which bring the people of Lochac together, whether discussing matters of general interest or the more specialised arenas dealing with marshallate issues, siege weaponry, embroidery and bardic arts, to name but a few. Further we are proud to see our folk here, and in the greater lands of these islands, contributing significantly to the operation of the Kingdom at high level.

For many of us at this time of year, such discussions form our main activity. In this often dull, lull time of midwinter - the excitement and extravagance of our recent excellent Yule Quarter Day notwithstanding - it can be all too easy to put things off until the coming of spring.

Beware however, as that will be here before you expect it, and then Christmas and then Canterbury Faire, and your garb may well still need repair, your siege engine await building and all your good intentions turn to last-minute alarums.

Now is the time, go forth and do those things you intend. Rise, yes, you, and you and you - time is passing!

Bartholomew and Katherine

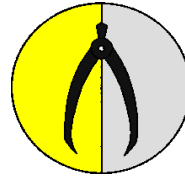
Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard

¹ Adelaide

² South Brisbane

Arts & Sciences Workshop July

There will be NO A&S workshop in July but classes will resume in August



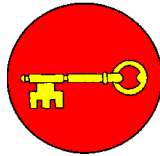
Baronial Introduction Cards

Baronial Introduction Cards (see below) are now available!

Just write your name in the space provided, and you can hand them out to anyone you meet who is interested in what we do.

To get some of your own, please speak to the Chatelaine or Seneschal at any event.





Foreign visitors at several past events have commented to me that we in Southron Gaard don't applaud. Apparently in other parts of the SCA it is customary to applaud when people are called forward to receive awards, or after performances of various sorts. That we do not applaud strikes some of our visitors as very strange.

I have heard it said that applause isn't medieval. The Barony of Rowany's newcomers page says:

"We don't applaud by clapping hands (a Victorian phenomenon), but feel free to cheer, whistle, pound your goblet or your knife handle, slap your thighs, or stamp your feet."

Well folks, that simply ain't so.

Audience applause was expected in Roman times. Emperor Nero's singing was so bad that he had to employ professional clappers to applaud him.

Shakespeare, Marston, Dekker and many other poets used epilogues to appeal for applause at the end of their plays. Applause was delivered with voice as well as hands. Samuel Drayton has a sonnet written in about 1600, which refers to his sitting in the "thronged Theater" listening to the "Showts and Claps at ev'ry little pawse, / When the proud Round on ev'ry side hath rung."

When the Court visited Cambridge in March 1632, for instance, and a play was provided for Charles's entertainment, the university authorities issued an order prescribing exactly what the student audience might and might not do.

Item: That no tobacco be taken in the Hall nor anywhere else publicly, and that neither at their standing in the streets, nor before the comedy begin, nor all the time there, any rude or immodest exclamations be made, nor any humming, hawking, whistling, hissing, or laughing be used, or any stamping or knocking, nor any such other uncivil or unscholarlike or boyish demeanour, upon any occasion; nor that any clapping of hands be had until the *Plaudite* at the end of the Comedy, except his Majesty, the Queen, or others of the best quality here, do apparently begin the same.

In 1669 we have a reference to applause in Samuel Pepys diary: "Indeed it was very finely sung, so as to make the whole house clap her."

Applauding is NOT a Victorian invention and is a period practice, so please feel free to applaud if and when you want to.

Yours in Service

Mistress Rohesia Le Sarjent

Seneschal

Baronial Hangings Project

Unto the gifted embroiderers of Southron Gaard, does Katherine Kerr send her greetings, and a plea for you to demonstrate the skills you have and the beauty we know well you can create.

Hangings are needed to brighten up the Baronial Pavilion at Canterbury Faire where we intend it be used as a dining area and meeting place for visiting baronages and royalty who may grace our fair shores.

These hangings may be stitched in any fashion with any subject or design that you wish, the only requirement being that somewhere within the design there should appear the Tower of Southron Gaard (long may she stand!)

Finished hangings need to measure no more than 70 centimetres wide by a height of 120 centimetres. I shall be providing backing cloth to protect your work and arranging final completion of the hangings, but you may choose to display your craft on linen, wool, silk or such other fabric as seems suitable for your purpose.

Should you have any questions of me regarding this project, please do not hesitate to ask. You have until year-end to complete your work, so set thread to needle and we will all delight in being dazzled by the many and varied talents of these lands.

katherine kerr

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Companion of the Order of the Tour d'Or

Baroness Sinech ingen Chonchobair hui
Briuin

Well pleased by your dedicated and
exemplary service in the provision of
From the Tower for many a year,
and the fine example you have set
to all in our demesne in undertaking
such a demanding and relentless duty,
we are pleased to name you

a
Companion of the
Order of the Tour d'Or

So say we, Bartholomew and Katherine, this
18th Day of June, AS XXXX.



Chirurgion

The Barony is current without a Chirurgion. We
are not required to have a Chirurgion, but if any-
one would like to apply for this position, we would
welcome your interest.

You would need a current First-aid Certificate, and
a current SCA membership, and would be required
to register with the Kingdom Chirurgion to be-
come a rostered Chirurgion.

You would be expected to attend events and pro-
vide first aid when required, or deputise another
rostered Chirurgion to do this for you. If you are
interested, please send your applications to the
Seneschal: seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz
Baron and Baroness: bandb@sg.sca.org.nz
Kingdom Chirurgion: tfsawyer@yahoo.com.au

You can read more about the post at:

[http:// www.sca.org.au/chirurgion](http://www.sca.org.au/chirurgion)

Emigration Impost

Whereas it has come to our attention that the
quality and energy of the populace of Southron
Gaard is being diminished through the sad
loss of some of our number to neighbouring
lands.

And whereas some of these said neighbours are
offering bribes and other improper inducements
to lure our populace to their lands.

Therefore let it be known that henceforth any
gentles who depart from the Barony of Southron
Gaard to live in another land for more than
three months shall be subject to an emigration
impost, to be paid prior to their departure,
as follows:

Imprimis: they may present to the Baron and
Baroness of Southron Gaard evidence that they
have personally introduced to the Barony at
least one new member of the populace during the
previous six months

OR

Secundus: they must present a basket of no fewer
than FIFTEEN DARTON APPLES or ONE
TAME COO-BEASTIE or such equivalent as
shall be deemed acceptable by the Baron and
Baroness of Southron Gaard

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Southron Gaard Baronial Scriptorium

Learn calligraphy and illumination or hone your
skills. All levels of experience are welcome.

Scriptorium is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each
month, starting at 7.30pm at the home of
Condesa Catalina 03 960-6214

If you have any questions, please contact Catalina
at arts@sg.sca.org.nz

Appointment of the Captain of the Southern Reaches:

Southron Gaard has long lain at the edge of the world, at first the southern bulwark for the Kingdom of Caid, and now the easternmost fortress of the Crescent Isles in the Kingdom of Lochac. In that time, we have grown to be more than just the tower that stands as our symbol.

Our people include those who have brought credit upon the Barony and who have shown themselves willing to face up to those who would threaten it, even some who sail with malicious intent upon the treacherous seas around our coasts.

In recognition whereof such courage and dedication, of long-standing ties both within and without Southron Gaard, and in recognition of his high qualities of charm and courtesy, we are minded to declare as our Captain of the Southern Reaches,

Capitano Martuccio Lorenzo Cavalcanti de Medici,

and pass on
to him, until such time as we request its return, the token of his Office - a red wand surmounted by the tower of Southron Gaard.

As Captain, he shall be charged - as in custom and tradition from time immemorial - with protecting the safe passage of friendly vessels along our lengthy coastlines and ocean routes (especially those between ourselves and the Great White Southern Land) maintaining and strengthening the Barony's sea defences, and treating with fairness and courtesy all those who, with peaceful intent, come upon our lands by sea.

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A Night of Gostes and Shadowes

Here is advance information of a casual event to be held in late July:

July 23, from 7pm, The Hermitage:
74 Augusta St, Redcliffs

(Return of) A Night of Gostes and Shadowes

In the dead of winter, in the dark of night, a group of creative and courageous Southron Gaarders will meet to share tales of adventure, fear, creatures of the night, implausible bravery, deep malevolence and certain doom.

Will you be among them? Do you have what it takes?

Bring:

- * a period story, poem or song -- your own, or one you've discovered
- * some light food to share
- * someone or something trustworthy to which you can cling during your descent into the abyss...

This an unofficial casual-garb event, with no site fee.

WARNING: persons under 16 or of nervous disposition may become unhinged during the course of the evening. New hinges will NOT be provided.

Southron Gaard Council Meeting - Tuesday 14 June

PRESENT:

LATE:

APOLOGIES: Cat, Charlene, Mel, Vicki, Roland

MEETING OPENED: 7:30

LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: Accepted

OFFICER REPORTS:

SENESHAL: Communication: With CF site warders, they will be talking to their committee wrt container. Working party in September. CF is pencilled in, deposit payed. Christmas Carol dance book arrived, very disappointing, no CD with it. Belle is willing to reimburse Barony for it.

CHATELAINE:

Attended May muster- weather was not the best but there was a good turn out anyways. Leant out hire garb for Yule. Awaiting the return of a few items of Hire garb before giving a couple of sets to Katherine for the Science Alive Demonstration on June 30. Unfortunately due to personal events beyond my control I have not been able to properly address the poster issue. I am now looking to delegate this to an interested party- Bartholemew, Katherine and Rohesia have been particularly active in this issue, and I thank them for their continued assistance and understanding.

REEVE:Main Account:

Money In:

2.45 (Interest)

Money Out

\$60.00 (Council/A&S Hall Hire)

\$33.50 (Scriptorium supplies)

\$35.00 (Carols CD)

\$128.00 (Business Cards)

Balance in Account: 5515.29

FTT

Balance in Account: 42.48

HERALD: Written, not much to report. Working on OP and some arms submissions.

MARSHAL: No report received from tournaments. Currently holding \$3 from authorisations. Discussion on Marshal's list wrt day membership not enough for a marshal to be able to authorise (although can still be marshal on field).

LISTS: May muster tourney. Thorford's torc won by Sir Vitale, Battered helm to THL Richard.

A&S:Apologies for not being able to attend.

There will be NO JULY A&S WORKSHOP. I have company coming from out of the country and may well be out of town the first Tuesday of next month.

Workshops: The June workshop was on Venetian glass painting. Great class, beautiful glasses created by the participants. Thanks to Lady Isabel for leading a good class.

Only received 1 comment in response to last month's please for feedback re: A&S workshops. REPEAT: In order to have successful A&S workshops, I need feedback from the barony. What kind of classes are you interested in taking? What would make it worth your while to attend? Does the barony actually want a monthly A&S workshop? Your comments and suggestions are vital to the success of the workshops. Please email me with your thoughts. On a similar note, I need teachers! If you can teach, please do! Raise your hand and help keep the workshops going! Baronial Scriptorium: Meets the third Tuesday of every month. Mistress Rohesia will be doing a series of classes on illumination. It's not too late to join, so please come next Tuesday if you're keen. Gold coin donation to cover hall rental appreciated.

Singing: The SG Baronial Singing group seems to be going very well.

Baronial Library: Hugh has volunteered to computer catalog the baronial library. Need to coordiante with him to make this happen.

Baronial A&S Championships: Yule, our next quarter day, is this Saturday. Please get in touch with me by Friday AT THE LATEST if you have something you'd like to enter at Yule for the Baronial A&S Championship so I can arrange for the appropriate judges. As an FYI, we have not yet had one meeting where we covered even half the cost of hall rental for scriptorium or A&S workshops.

CHRONICLER:Correspondence In - Items for FTT; correspondence with Stacey (Rose) about FTT changeover.

Correspondence Out -March FTTs sent out (only 5 on mailing list now, including two exchange copies), and pdf version sent to Web Wrights.

General - Stacey came and picked up the FTT gear; I made her a CD copy of the files. I will step down from the office at Yule (18th of June).

WEBWRIGHT: Doing usual maintainance.

CHIRURGEON: No nibbles yet.

CONSTABLE: No Apology, no report.

QUARTERMASTER: Stuff in from BA. Stuff out for Yule.

B&B: All the armour ordered as "stock" by the Barony has now been spoken for and deposits paid. Nothing is left. I've put out feelers to see if any of the other importers from other groups will have spare pieces, but it isn't likely.

Seemed like a relatively quiet month, but in fact it wasn't. The 40th birthday Muster went well, with a lot of interest in the photos and some of the old kit that was on display. Vitale won Thorfyrd's torc -- his first time! The Merchant's Ball was very relaxed and enjoyable, as was MRS' Lindisfarne; it was great to see some MRS attendance at the former and also now at singing. Those interested in dance should bear in mind that the regular Monday MRS dance practise (and also their other activities) is open to interested folk from Southron Gaard.

Discussed the proposed rules for the Siege Engine Challenge on the siege list and published the results in the June FTT. Held a siege meeting and cannon trial at the Hermitage; three rudimentary cannon were tested.

The silk ordered for the CF and Festival banners has arrived, and we've received a firm indication of support from the Festival Fighter Auction funds to help pay for that. Currently making arrangements for poles to fly the banners at CF, and paints so banner-making can commence.

Public demos planned in the near future:

June 22: Cub meeting

June 30: Science Alive "medieval display" opening; we've arranged

garb and armour to be provided for this from members of the Barony

July 7: The Baronial Singing Group will be presenting two or three songs at the Winds of Waitaha early music performance, details in the Calendar.

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EVENT REPORTS:

Canterbury Faire: Refund from hirequip for \$100 (miss-written cheque). Still trying to work out monies owed for about 20 people, problems with gate records.

Left over bags will be handed over to B&B for prizes etc. Made a profit of \$1375 (still includes \$202 day membership and \$155 Kingdom levy). Will work with Reeve to reconcile figures.

Ball: Happened. \$8.96 profit, 18 attended (\$18 to kingdom, \$22 day membership) Need personal reimbursement for \$66 and site reimbursement for \$60. Hand paperwork over to Seneschal.

UP COMING EVENTS:

Yule: Coming together, 47 booked, closing Wednesday.

Waipara working party: Sept 10&11. Will need to cover power costs for weekend, further details still coming. Will be compiling a list of things that need doing (warders also compiling one) eg. Planting herb garden, slip proofing stairs, repair to redwood shelter (Mong). Open to further suggestions.

Elizabethan event: No report this month.

October muster: no update.

Dec quarter event: Proposal for running siege engine event from Peter. Thinking 2 night camping event at Rimu park. Tourney, A&S, feast etc. Will have a deputy doing the work. Still looking for a Spring Quarter event.

Still looking for a steward for Collegium event.

CF Bid: Meredith and Beast. Budget prepared (still at estimated values). Will be selling t-shirts. Trying to get address for kingdom chronicler for address for Pegasus.

Will be Thurs 2 to Tues 7. Meal plan is included in proposal budget, 5 lunches, 3 dinners. Charlene and Cat will be doing lunch, need offers for dinners, and need a feast cook (people please flatter Stephano into agreeing). Stewarding crew will be Beast, Meredith, and Stephen.

Planning to have: Feast, meal plan, ball, some fighting, archery, drinking...

Bid accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

College Bank Statement: Rosa will send details of account when home, will then be able to draft letter.

Financial Committee guidelines: no feedback received. Stacy requesting not being on FC.

ACTION TABLED 'til next month.

Standards: approval received from Rowany for use of their fighter auction funds. Peter and Vicki have acquired 50m of silk at own cost (\$5/m). Haven't ordered paints yet, hoping to get from states. Materials will then travel north for other groups to also make banners. Some of the banners will stay over here for CF etc. and two will live in Rowany for festival.

ACTION BELLE volunteering for August A&S to design/draw up plans for banners.

Recruiting posters: A4 sized. Vicki has been playing with drawings of layouts. 4 posters with similar layout aimed at different people (fighting/cooking/family/costuming). Will need to do a photo shoot for main pictures. Vicki and Belle been looking into printing costs, ACTION bring to next council meeting.

Council feels comfortable throwing up to \$300-400 at it, assuming they are going to be something that continues to be used over next few years.

Suggestion to do one big one of each, laminated, for displays etc.

ACTION bring costs and mockups next month (BELLE and VICKI?)

ACTION talk to Tycho (in advertising)

Storage container for CF site: lockable. Site people are taking idea to their committee. Costs retail \$1900+gst for old 20ft container. What would go in it?

1) personal stuff, hire out space, particularly to those travelling to faire regularly

2) room to grow on the site, could make break down forts etc. and store them there.

(include parts of the mong). Structures that could enhance the site. Are likely to think of more once have the storage space for them.

NB chance of getting one cheaper than that. They are doing similar at Festival site.

The site people are looking at doing major alterations so might not be up for it too soon (just have to shift it). Suggest looking at more long range, including looking into cost recoveries.

Sounds expensive, but look for more information. Suggestion of starting with something smaller (and re-sellable) to see how it goes. TABLED

Loner helms: All the ordered armour is spoken for. An offer from current Kingdom Lists officer offering 2 great helms per group at A\$55 each specifically to be used as loner helms. Dieter is still trying to organise loner armour. ACTION RICHARD speak to DIETER. NB offer likely to be open for some time.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.50pm

A Chance to Show Off?

Unto the Populace of the Barony of Southron Gaard does Lady Ceina of Ballyhawke send greetings.

Some of you may be aware that in mundane life I work for a City Council exhibitions and venue space called Our City O-Tautahi (the old Municipal Chambers, later the Information Centre, on the corner of Oxford Tce and Worcester Blvd).

We are currently planning our Heritage Week activities for 2005 (early October). This year's Heritage Week has a theme of "Hands-On Heritage" and we think that some activities in association with the SCA and the UCMRS in Christchurch would work very well with this.

So, here's the nefarious plan as it stands so far...

We are currently proposing three activities to the Heritage Week committee:

- 1) an SCA tournament to be held next to the Our City O-Tautahi building (the October Muster, Saturday 8 October),
- 2) a UCMRS dance/steel-fighting demo/ball in the Debating Chamber at Our City O-Tautahi (evening of Sunday 9 October) and
- 3) an exhibition to run for two weeks (3 - 15 October) in one of our exhibition spaces, about medieval revivalism in Christchurch (looking at both our historical buildings and the medieval activities that go on in Christchurch now).

Applications for Heritage Week activities have not yet closed, so we cannot confirm whether or not they will be an official part of Heritage Week at this stage, but Our City O-Tautahi intends to run and promote these activities anyway.

For the exhibition I need to do some research and gathering of objects, which is where all of you come in. If you'd like to take part, there are some things you can do. On the Baronial website (**here: <http://sg.sca.org.nz/events/heritage.htm>**) there is a word-doco form, with some questions which basically provide an opportunity for you to talk about what you do in terms of medieval re-enactment and why you do it. You can print and send, or email this back to me. With this I'd also like from you some photographs that you'd be happy to have used in the exhibition (either high-quality digital or prints). On the bottom of the form is a section authorising use of the material provided.

We'd also like to be able to display some of the wonderful things that are crafted by Christchurch's reenactors. Costumes, weapons, armour, handcraft projects - in fact, just about anything medieval and non-perishable that we can fit in a gallery that you've made. Objects loaned for the exhibition would be covered by Our City O-Tautahi's insurance, and smaller "pick-up-able" items would be displayed in locked cases. If you'd like to loan us items for the display, please fill in the appropriate part of the form. Digital pics of the objects would also be great, just for me to get an idea of what we're working with. I can't guarantee to include everything, but I'd like to display as much as possible!

Note: Please don't offer items unless you are sure you can make them available for the entire duration of the exhibition (and remember that there will be at least one tournament, one feast and one UCMRS ball during this time, so don't loan any armour/clothing you may be planning to wear for these!).

I hope these activities will be fun, colourful and exciting events for Our City O-Tautahi, the SCA and the UCMRS. I think they'll also be excellent publicity for all concerned and, with your help, we can make them a real stand-out event. As this is going to be a fairly complex undertaking I'd like to have all this initial information gathered by late August - and the earlier you can send it to me the easier it will be to compile. Please feel free to email me at josephine.drysdall@ccc.govt.nz if you have any questions.

Many thanks, and reminders will be forthcoming... J

May Crown Report to Their Royal Majesties

Unto Their Most Noble Majesties, Stephen and Mathilde, puissant rulers of the Kingdom of Lochac, do Bartholomew and Katherine, Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard, send their greetings by the hand of The Honourable Lord Duncan Kerr, and this, the first report of our tenure as Your representatives in these lands.

We would have You assured that Your lands of Southron Gaard are thriving and, in the time since our investiture, Your populace have become diligently busy about many activities, in both the gentle and martial arts.

Item. We have been holding regular Musters to ensure that our folk meet to gain further skills in a variety of fighting formats as well as the gentle arts of song and dance, and we ourselves have attended many events both within and without the Barony to speak with and learn from both people and peers.

Item. Condesa Catalina Orosol, with the aid of Sir Vitale Giustiniani, has formed a Scriptorium to train new scribes and artisans, for we feel that we will have need to send many a missive to our baronial cousins and others regarding the temper of the times.

Item. Our Court Engineer, Lord Fraser Coney, is encouraging the development of a diverse range of siege engines with a siege engine challenge, by which we can assure You that the borders of the Kingdom, yea even unto the great White Lands of the South, will be stoutly held against any who would disturb the peace.

Item. Lady Elen Benet has begun a singing group which demonstrates most ably that Southron Gaard is in good voice, with many attending weekly to learn all manner of songs, including a growing number penned by our Court Musician, Lady Iuliana, and others, extolling the beauty and staunchness of the tower of Southron Gaard, long may she stand!

Item. We have assisted with an extensive purchase of helms and other items of armour by people throughout the Crescent Isles, such that these lands will have sufficient armed warriors to take on any threat that may arise. And we

further assure You that despite the Baronial coffers being tasked with some small part of this, the treasury here remains solvent and in no likely need of resorting to money-lenders at this time.

Item. We have recognised our long and honoured history in our former kingdom with the appointment of an Ambassador to the Court of Caid, Sir Phillipe de Tournay, formerly of these lands. We gained permission from Your Royal Cousin, His Majesty Dirk IV, to use the last Caidan Royal Shield wielded in these lands as a boon and encouragement to newly arming fighters. And we appointed Sir Vitale Giustiniani as Paladin of the Caidan Coast, charged with promoting trade and the interchange of ideas, maintaining and strengthening the Barony's land and coastal defences, and treating with courtesy and hospitality those visiting our fair Barony from the lands to our East.

Item. At our Baronial Anniversary we had our Champions and willing authorised light and heavy fighters take our Champion's Oath, that, if called upon to do so, they will by deed or word, consent or counsel, strengthen and defend the Barony of Southron Gaard, her tower, her lands and all her divers possessions, in good faith and without deception, against all malefactors and invaders, living or dead, who might wage war or make common cause against her.

Thus we feel that we can assert that Your lands are safe, Your populace industrious and Your welcome here always assured when next You pass this way.

Bartholomew and Katherine

Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard



Rowany Festival 2006

Next year, the Barony of Southron Gaard will be joining the other groups from these lands in defeating an attempt by the Barony of Ynys Fawr to claim us all for their would-be "Principality".

Come to Festival 2006 to join our allies in this great struggle, and to see just how much fun a 1000-person SCA camping event can be!

For detailed information on logistics, travel costs, food and camping, see:

<http://sg.sca.org.nz/festival.htm>

Southron Gaard Baronial Singing Group

Do you like to sing?
Do you have an interest in period music?

If so, please join the Southron Gaard singing group led by Lady Elen Benet on Thursdays from 7.30 - 8.30 pm. All levels of experience are welcome.

Location: 46 Diamond Avenue, Spreydon, in the shed round the back.

Directions from Barrington St (The second Orbiter stop on Barrington Street heading towards the hills):

Go forward to Coronation St and turn left. Turn left as the next street which is Diamond Avenue. Diamond Ave bends to the right, follow that around and is about the 4th house on the right. Go down the drive to the garage, and around the house to the big, brown shed on the right hand side of the property. Parking on the street only.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This class is subject to the instructor's availability. Please check the mailing list for last-minute cancellations or rescheduling or address changes.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Catalina at: arts@sg.sca.org.nz

Armourer Available

Lord Dieter von Metzger announces that he is now able to undertake small armouring projects, and invites anyone needing such items made, especially before Canterbury Faire, to contact him at:

Ph: 360-0909



Fighter's Practices

Wednesday - Wednesday Fighters Practice is in abeyance pending the securing of an indoor venue.

Sunday - 10.00am in the park opposite the Richmond Working Men's Club, London St, Richmond.

NB: These practices are unofficial events

Calendar

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

JULY

Fri 01 Pub Social Night
Sun 03 Fighters' practice, Archer, Light Combat
Tue 05 **Arts & Sciences - cancelled**
Wed 06 Fighter's practice (in Abeyance)
Thu 07 **Singing and Winds of Waitaha**
Sun 10 Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat
Tue 12 **Southron Gaard Council Meeting**
Wed 13 Fighter's practice (in Abeyance)
Thu 14 **Singing**
Sun 17 Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat
Tue 19 **Baronial Scriptorium**
Wed 20 Fighter's practice (in Abeyance)
Thu 21 **Singing**
Fri 22 FROM THE TOWER DEADLINE
Sat 23 **Night of Gostes and Shadowes**
Sun 24 Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat
Tue 26 **Guild of Seamsters**
Wed 27 Fighter's practice (in Abeyance)
Thu 28 **Singing**
Sun 31 Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat

AUGUST

Tue 02 **Arts & Sciences**
Wed 03 Fighter's practice (in Abeyance)
Thu 04 **Singing**
Fri 05 Pub Social Night
Sun 07 Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat
Tue 09 **Southron Gaard Council Meeting**
Wed 10 Fighter's practice (in Abeyance)
Thu 11 **Singing**
Sun 14 Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat
Tue 16 **Baronial Scriptorium**
Wed 17 Fighter's practice (in Abeyance)
Thu 18 **Singing**
Fri 19 FROM THE TOWER DEADLINE
Sun 21 Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat
Tue 23 **Guild of Seamsters**
Wed 24 Fighter's practice (in Abeyance)
Thu 25 **Singing**
Sun 28 Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat

Far Future

Midwinter Coronation 2006 - Bids are now open, and will close at Rowany Festival
November Crown Tournament 2006 - Bids will open at Rowany Festival, and close at Mid Winter
Twelfth Night Coronation 2007 - Bids will open at Mid Winter and close at Spring War in October

Events Afar

See Regnum for contacts and websites

Ildhafn (Auckland)

Wed - Fight practice, needlework
Sat - Archery practice
Sun - Fighter's practice

Dartonshire (Wellington)

Sun - Fighter's practice

Wellington Medieval Guild

Sun - Dance practice
Wed - Arts & Sciences meeting

Cluain (Hamilton)

Thu - Fighter's practice

University of Canterbury Medieval and Renaissance Society

Arts and Sciences classes: Wed 6.30pm
UCSA International Room, 90 Ilam Rd

Weapons Practice: Sat 2pm, Spreydon School sports field, cnr Curletts and Lincoln Rd (weather permitting. Wed 8-10pm UCSA Ballroom, 90 Ilam Road (after A&S)

Archery: alongside Sat Weapons Practice (as above)

Dance classes: Mon 8-9pm (general/beginner)
9-10pm (demonstration) - Creation, 105 Worcester St (between the Cathedral and Manchester St)



Miscellaneous Contact Details

Southron Gaard Council:

7.30pm, second Tuesday of each month, at the Clarence St Methodist Church hall, cnr Clarence and Nelston Streets, Riccarton

Seamsters Guild:

7.30pm, third Tuesday of each month, to discuss and work on sewing and handcraft projects. Contact Baroness Sinech for topics and further information: 03 382-6388 or lilar@clear.net.nz

Fighters' Practices:

6.30pm Wednesday, at Richmond Park -in abeyance (Opposite Working Men's Club, London St)

10.00 am Sundays with Archery at Dean's Bush, Riccarton

Archery Practices:

2.00pm Fine Sundays Kirkwood Intermediate School (Kirkwood Ave entrance). Targets and some bows available.

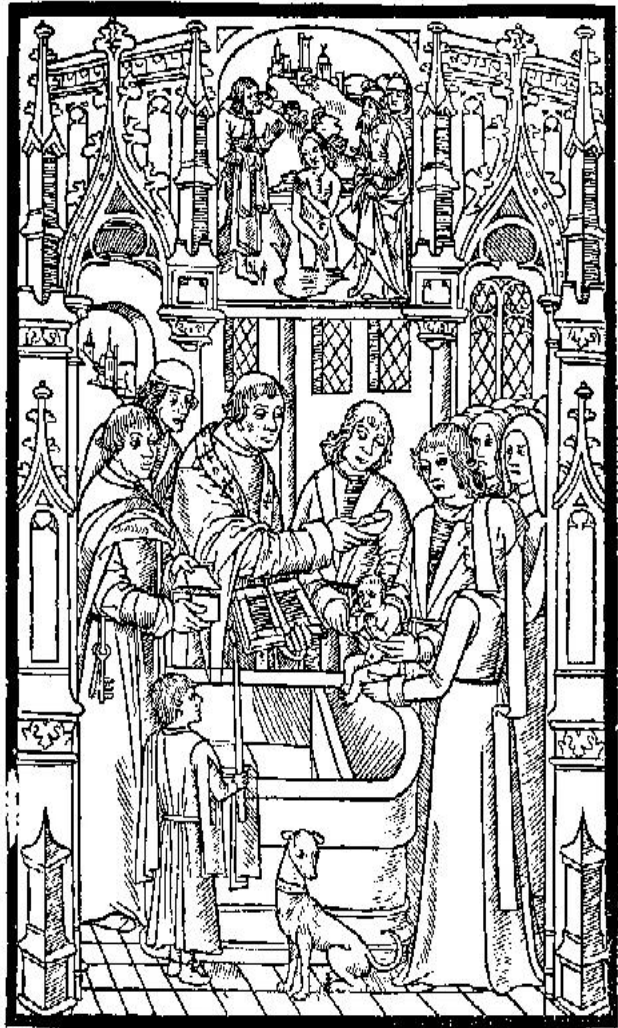
Contact THL Richard d'Allier (see Regnum)

Middle Eastern Guild of Southron Gaard

For information on upcoming meetings and projects contact Lady Isabel 03 982-1066 or chevron@paradise.net.nz

For more contact details see the website:

<http://sg.sca.org.nz/regnum.htm>



Seamsters Guild

This month's meeting will be held at the home of the Ladies Therese and Adele at 63B Ollivers Road, Philipstown on Tues 26th July.

Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. Bring along whatever needlework you are currently working on (does not need to be period), or come on over for a chat.

Please contact Baroness Sinech, ph 382-6388 lilar@clear.net.nz if you have any questions or need to organise transport



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