

From the Tower



Bull and Maiden -
Defensorum Virginitatis Mariae, 1471

Barony of Southron Gaard
May AS XXXX (2005)

Chronicler's Corner



Greetings, good gentles.

This month brings another bumper issue, with plenty to look forward to. The Tuesday night meetings to explore arts and sciences, calligraphy and arts of the needle, and the Thursday night singing group are all going well, though there's always room for more attendees, so contact Countess Catalina (see regnum, p xv for contact details) if you're interested in attending or teaching.

And don't forget that our good Baron needs everyone's help to fend off the attempted incursion of the Barony of Ynys Fawr into the affairs of Southron Gaard. See the appropriate notices in these pages to see how you can help.

I hope to see you at the Yule festivities, which look like being a lot of fun.

In service to Southron Gaard

Sinech ingen Chonchobair hui Briuin



Seamsters' Guild

This month's meeting will be on **Tuesday, the 24th of May** at the home of **Baroness Sinech, 17 Santa Cruz Lane, South Brighton**. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. Bring along whatever needlework you're currently working on, or just come to chat. 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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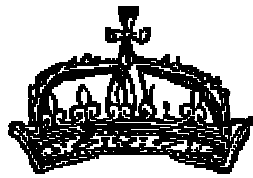


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Their Excellencies Speak...



Greetings unto the populace of Southron Gaard.

At Rowany Festival's Closing Court at the end of March, the Baronies of Southron Gaard and Ildhafn, and the Shire of Darton, delivered a joint ultimatum to the Barony of Ynys Fawr.

Ynys Fawr has made certain egregious claims and threats, not only against Southron Gaard but against the lands and peoples of the entire Crescent Isles. Unless their leaders retract, repudiate and apologise for their words by year's end, the King has granted permission for stern action to be taken at next year's Festival. If it comes to that, we - and our allies here and across the sea - will not be found wanting.

With this enterprise in mind, many logistical preparations are now underway to make it easier for people from these lands to make the long journey to Festival next year. A great deal of information concerning this effort can be found at: <http://sg.sca.org.nz/festival.htm> and may assist you in your own planning.

In this matter, we and the other lands of the Crescent Isles have a strong common interest. We will, if circumstances so require, stand together on the war fields at Festival, alongside other allies we are now actively seeking among all right-thinking gentles, and against our common foe.

However, it must not be assumed that our neighbours share our interests in all respects, or look upon us with benign intentions. It is almost certainly no coincidence that there is a Machiavellian theme for Darton Anniversary this August.

We do have time for the gentler occupations, such as the new singing group, the Merchants' Ball at the end of May and the upcoming mid-winter celebrations of Yule. But, for our current peace of mind and future security, we should leaven such glad activity with continued armoured, intensive weapons development and regular training!

Bartholomew and Katherine
Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard



May Arts & Sciences Workshop

**14th Century Hose -
Patterning and Construction**

Instructor: Master Llewelyn ap Dafydd

Description: Hose making for men & women - patterning and construction of 14th century and earlier hose. The aim is for participants to come away from the class with a functioning pair of bias cut wool or linen hose. This class will be in two parts. The group will decide at the first meeting when to have the follow-up to produce the finished hose.

Materials: Bring one metre of patterning fabric (calico or other stiff fabric), pins, tape measure and something to write with.

The class will be held at Clarence Street Methodist Church Hall (same location as Council). Gold coin donations are appreciated to help cover the venue rental costs. If you have any questions, please contact Catalina at arts@sg.sca.org.nz

JUNE A&S WORKSHOP: Venetian Glass Painting.

Instructor: Lady Isabel del Aguila (f.k.a. Helois de Mont Saint Michel). More details to follow on the mailing list and in next month's FTT.

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.

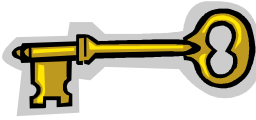
NB. These practices are unofficial events.

Hunting the Haggis

Here is the definitive website for hunting haggis, with hunting technique, haggis history, zoology and myths, and recipes (standard haggis, vegan haggis, haggis pizza, breakfast haggis, etc).

Good Scottish humour, though the recipes are real.
<http://haggishunt.scotsman.com/>

From the Seneschal



One thing you hear a lot in the SCA is: “It’s not period”. My usual response to that is to ask: “Where and when is it not period?” The SCA covers a very wide time period and many, varied cultures. In my 20-odd years in the SCA I’ve been told a great many things “aren’t period”, which I have since discovered are, depending on where and when.

We have a lot of different cultures within the SCA as well. Some people like to hit each other with sticks, some like to dress in elegant outfits and dance, some like to make things with their hands. Some of us strive to be as “period” or authentic as possible, with whatever degree of skill and knowledge we have, but for others a basic level of “medieval” is all they aspire to.

Unlike some re-creation groups, the SCA does not have a required level of authenticity. According to our governing documents we are attempting to create “an environment which evokes the atmosphere of the pre-17th century European Middle Ages and Renaissance.” “All participants are expected to behave as ladies or gentlemen” and “anyone may attend Society events provided he or she wears an attempt at pre-17th century clothing” given they pay their event fees and all that.

Within that framework there is a LOT of room for different interpretations, different interests, different levels of skill and knowledge. There is no single “right way” to play, and any one who tries to hold their way up as “the one true way” is likely to find rather a lot of people disagreeing with them.

Given this, we would do well to grant others the room to play in the way that is comfortable and fun for them. This often means sharing your “playground” with people who don’t necessarily see the SCA the same way you do. However, unless we respect each other’s interpretations and interests, we will leave people feeling needlessly excluded and probably lose them. If we allow room for diversity and other approaches the SCA will grow and flourish.

Please, encourage, support and have fun doing the SCA things you enjoy. If you feel we need more of this or that, then help make those things happen. No one requires or expects you to attend every event, or take part in every activity. Perhaps you

don’t personally enjoy dancing, or fighting, or making garb. Perhaps revels, or camping are not your thing. Others do enjoy these, and should be allowed to do so, without complaint.

Maybe the latest newcomer doesn’t quite share your idea of what “evokes the atmosphere of the pre-17th century”. Maybe the person running an event or making some garb has a different view of what is appropriate in a pre-17th century context than you. If you teach and gently set an example, maybe they’ll come around to your way of thinking. Maybe they won’t.

But if you drive people off by telling them they are wrong, you’ll lose the opportunity to find out, and the SCA will be the poorer for that.

Yours in Service
Mistress Roheisa Le Sargent
Seneschal

Baronial Introduction Cards

Baronial Introduction Cards 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.



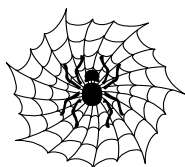
Southron Gaard Baronial Scriptorium

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 Clarence Street Methodist Church Hall (same location as Council). Gold coin donations accepted to help cover the venue rental costs.

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

On the Web



<http://www.hamsteropera.co.uk/history0013a.jpg>

Bayeux hamsters (yes, really!)

<http://www.mglarc.com/projects/cashel.htm>

Article on early British houses

<http://www.college-optometrists.org/college/museum/spectacles/early.htm>

A brief history of eyeglasses

<http://www.sca.org/heraldry/coagloss.html>

College of Heraldry—glossary of terms

<http://rampart.outlandsheralds.org/creative/armory.html>

Ideas for heraldry

<http://www.ulfhednar.org/>

Website of a German Viking re-enactment group

<http://heraldry.griffin-dor.org/groups.html>

Groups of the Known World roll of arms

<http://www.getty.edu/art/exhibitions/flemish/home.html>

An exhibit on book illumination

http://www.le.ac.uk/archaeology/pdf_files/emidas.pdf
East Midlands Archaeological Research Framework: Resource Assessment and Research Agenda for the Early-Middle Anglo-Saxon Period (5th-9th cents)

<http://www.yourchildlearns.com/heraldrygame/>

A heraldry-based game, probably best for children 8 or 10 years and up (or heraldically-challenged adults)

<http://www.knighthospitaller.com>

The Knights Hospitaller web site

<http://www.learner.org/exhibits/middleages/>

Medieval exhibits site

<http://www.medievalbeads.com/medieval-smilies/>

Medieval 'smilies' for email

<http://www.arild-hauge.com/helleristngbild.htm>

Pictures of rock carvings, etc.

<http://www.bib.ub.es/grewe/showbook.pl?gw024>

Online facsimile version of Nicholas Lemery's 1685 *Modern Curiosities in Art and Nature* including perfume, cosmetic and soap recipes.

<http://portal.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2002/03/17/wwiz17.xml&sSheet=/news/2002/03/17/ixworld.html>

Article on Irish archaeological find of 'pointy wizard hats'



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 around back.

Directions from Barrington Street (the second Orbiter Stop on Barrington Street heading towards the hills): go forward to Coronation Street and turn left. Turn left at the next street which is Diamond Avenue. Diamond Avenue bends to the right, follow that around and its 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.

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

Siege Engine Challenge

In order to strengthen our defences against future need, the Barony of Southron Gaard is holding a Siege Engine Challenge to encourage the design, construction and crewing of siege weapons in the Barony. For more information, see: <http://sg.sca.org.nz/siege.htm>

Armour Up!

The Barony of Southron Gaard will shortly have available the following new armour items at excellent prices for intending or re-arming heavy, light and siege combatants:

- Large 14 gauge steel bascinet helm (requires visor) -- under \$100
- Large five-piece mild steel articulated knees -- under \$100 per pair

Quantities are limited, and a 10% stocking fee will apply to orders placed after the armour has arrived in our lands. For more information, or to order, contact Baron Bartholomew: b&b@sg.sca.org.nz

Minutes of the Southron Gaard Council Meeting

Tuesday April 12th, AS XXXIX (2005)

PRESENT: Belle, Adele, Richard, Donna, Peter, Vicki, Matt, Roland, Cat, Charlene, Jennifer J.

LATE: Lila

APOLOGIES: Melissa, Miriam, David

MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm

LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: Changes: Elizabethan Feast in October is being organised by Min and Rachel, not Miriam and Rachel. Merchant's ball's budget is calculated for a middling attendance of 24 (not minimum attendance). Accepted with changes.

OFFICER REPORTS

SENESHAL: Had correspondence re: the Kingdom finances and levies not yet paid. Poor and contradictory information on what payments to be made and when. Reeve is sorting things out.

BARON & BARONESS: Attended Festival Seneschals' meeting. Kingdom finances was the main issue. Mailing list is growing; from 75 to 90+ people signed on since November. Kingdom chatelaine impressed with our 'business cards' and recommending them to other groups.

CHATELAINE: Attended and organised Recruitment Planning Meeting. Attended Baronial Anniversary and Muster. Muster was a medium success; the weather wasn't very good. Not many people passing by, might be better closer to the library. Handed out fliers, including in library. Have been offered (and have booked) use of the display window at the Barrington library in mid-August; will ask for things to display closer to the time. Received business cards and have started distributing, noticed a typo on the cards.

REEVE:

Main Account:

In: 3584.50 - CF Income.

Out: 20.00 - Baronial Planning meeting snacks/tea/coffee

40.00 - Baronial Planning Meeting Hall Hire

80.00 - CF - Hay Bales

27.80 - CF - Milk

900.00 - CF - AB Catering

3410.00 - CF - Sure and Steadfast Trust

45.00 - Spring Tourney - CCC

20.00 - Council Hall Hire

Balance in account: \$5629.09

FTT: No Activity Balance: \$113.59

Clearing Account:

In: 18.00 - BA - Income

Out: 1636.50 - CF Income to Main A/C

1.50 - Bank Fee (Chequebook)

Balance: \$16.50

Correspondence: Had unpleasant letter from "The Collection Agency" on behalf of the City Council. The Council sent invoices for Spring Tourney to 9 Kahu Rd. (!) instead of Meredith's Box No. Collection letter was directed to Martuccio(!!). I have written politely to the Council explaining the situation

and sending the original fee. Received instructions for Annual Report from SCANZ Treasurer.

Have begun report, but need accounts from Baronial Anniversary.

HERALD: Attended Baronial Anniversary, and ran the day-time courts and the court stuff during the feast. The grand procession went pretty well. The OP has been updated and is available for viewing on the SG website. There are, however, still a few entries that need tidying up. Been consulting with a few members of the populace about registering their arms and names. Payments for these (\$20 each for name/device) can be made straight to SCANZ now, which is considerably easier than having to deal with transferring money internationally.

MARSHAL: Was marshal in charge for Baronial Anniversary and ran the archery. No injuries have been reported. The tourney was a Swiss five-weapons round. Attended muster; there were three fighters who mucked around, not a formal tourney style. Weekly archery practices, heavies are welcome to turn up. First and third Sundays of the month will be combat-archery practices. The marshal is holding four marshalling poles, one bag of poles and ropes for list field, one hilt for protecting hand, sipper-bottle tops, 1 pas d'armes fence. Note, there will be no archery practice after this month's muster.

LISTS: Attended Baronial Anniversary and ran the lists with help from Jacqui. The tourney was won by Vitale. Deputised Jacqui for lists at muster but she wasn't required.

EQUESTRIAN MARSHAL: No report

ARTS & SCIENCES: A&S Championship: New Champion is Baroness Eleanora. Congratulations to Her Excellency and thanks to all the entrants and judges. Well done everyone! I'd like to encourage everyone to bring items for judging on each of our quarter-day events. You will need to inform me beforehand what you'll be entering so I can have appropriate judges on site and available.

A&S Workshop: April's class had only 3 participants, including the instructor, so the Saturday portion of that workshop was cancelled. May's workshop will be led by Master Llewelyn on 14th Century Hose—each person should come away with a functional set of hose. More details to follow ASAP on what materials participants will need to bring. The June workshop will be led by THL Isabel (formerly Heloise) on Venetian glass painting.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE let me know what kind of classes you're interested in taking. Likewise, please come forward if you are willing to teach! In order for these workshops to be successful I need input, participants and teachers.

Scriptorium: Next Tuesday, 7:30 pm at Clarence St Methodist Hall. Sir Vitale will be teaching more calligraphy hands. There was an excellent turnout last month - please come and join us if you haven't been yet!

Singing Group: Weekly, Thursdays at 7:30 pm. This Tuesday, the group will meet at Michelet's house. He has posted the info on the SGDiscuss list. Great turnout for our first meeting last week with 10 people in attendance.

Musters: *Ac&S Displays:* No one has yet given me anything to display at the musters. If you have an item, please just bring it to me or my deputy, Therese de la Maunch, if you can't find me, so we can set up a display. Works in progress are fine and no documentation is required! All skill levels are encouraged and welcomed! There is no judging here, just the chance to show off your latest project.

Singing: The musters have thus far all had singing, which has been organised by the event stewards.

The Baronial Library is now at my house and available. Volunteers to help get everything online would be great.

CHRONICLER: Correspondence In - Items for FTT and Alchemist (more needed for Alchemist).

Correspondence Out - March FTTs sent out, and pdf version sent to Web Wrights.

Advertised for new Chronicler in FTT and SGAnnounce - no response other than verbally from Stacey.

WEBWRIGHT: Usual updates, new OP now online thanks to Herald; William de Wicke has volunteered to do some HTML tweaks and minor updates to the OP when he gets time.

CHIRURGEON: ACTION: BELLE to advertise the position this month.

First-aid kit now with Quartermaster; it needs to be collect by stewards for each event. QM will be getting Steve to look at it to check over contents.

CONSTABLE: Nothing to report. Still to do inventory of lost property.

QUARTERMASTER: Feast gear transferred and now returned. Currently doing up to date inventory, will finish by next month. NOTE: there is lots of oats and sugar left over from CF, along with a variety of other items like spices. The inventory for the feast box will be available from the Quartermaster by email.

BARON & BARONESS:

Meetings/discussions:

** With all ten of the Baronies represented at Festival, and Their Majesties, and those stepping up soon in Innilgard and St Florian's. Some very detailed discussions on awards, governance and other issues.

** With new Vicar of Stormhold, to offer some general support, advice and ideas

** With guild masters/mistresses or provosts of several Lochac Guilds, to find a way to make it easier for experienced SG members to be rated

** With numerous Terra Rosa people concerning easing Festival logistics for NZers next year

** With Baron Edmund of Politarchopolis (Kingdom Siege Marshal) about siege equipment and information, including a reciprocal build agreement for Festival/CF, and an offer to visit for our Siege Engine Challenge

** With several Terra Rosa B&Bs about possible treaties or alliances

** Picked up some old hire garb from Master Yoshitoshi, who has relocated to Darton, and intends to become active there

Correspondence:

** Several people about Baronial cards, including a request from the Lochac Hospitaller for an electronic sample for sending on to all Chatelaines in Lochac

** Sir Inigo and Sir Ulf re: proposed bulk armour order, banners

** Baron of Rowany re: funding banners from Festival Fighter Auction Tourney funds

Other:

** Festival support information prepared to go online

** Siege email list and supporting web page started

EVENT REPORTS

Canterbury Faire: All money in hand has been banked. \$218 from bardic auction, what to do with it? ACTION: will be transferred for the use of the Laurel travel fund - agreed by Council. Suggest that a collegium or 'Laurel School' be arranged for this, will need to a steward etc.

Recruitment Planning Meeting: Main ideas to come out of it: Orientation day, a small, all-encompassing event, mostly workshops; A beginner's pack (information); general increase in public profile (static displays, posters, leaflets etc.), suggest four posters, each aimed at different interests to go up in places like Spotlight, libraries etc. Council thinks this is a good idea.

ACTION: CHARLENE to get quotes for 20, 50, and 100 posters. Will mean getting staged photos etc. Need someone to design them.

ACTION: put on list for input (shape, content etc.), get a list of good places to put them up (CHARLENE) - What will attract you on a poster about the SCA??

Baronial Anniversary: No report yet, the even was good.

March Muster: Bleak weather, was fun. Got three fighters and 10 others, did song. Got some inquiries, forgot to pass hat for funds (site fee \$22), will be covered by barony.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Muster: No report. Happening 10am Sunday 17th.

Orientation event: May: Workshop format. Will move it to just before Spring Tourney (cancel pencilled in date of 21st May). Hire of WEA will be \$110 for 9am - midnight. Will be weekend before Spring Tourney (date not yet specified).

Ball: Report from Miriam. Site not booked yet, plans still going fine.

Science Alive Demo: Vicki gave them suggestions but hasn't heard back from them yet. Suggests we concentrate on it that month rather than a (probably wet) muster.

Yule: Trying to get site. Looking at Masonic lodge in Sydenham, behind the old Sydenham shops and near a park. Requesting cooks, 10 people to do a couple of dishes each, suggest may be as entries for arts championship or for guild. Finger food with Christmas theme, preferably Elizabethan. Also looking for 10 people to make 5 gifts (may be same things), these will be handed out by B&B. Would like things that would encourage people in the arts (quills, needlework case etc.)

Potions/Lotions workshop: next week at Frankleigh St. ACTION: post on list.

September Waipara working party?: Aiming to plant a herb garden and do some tidying up etc. Will try to arrange for working party to get to stay overnight for free. ACTION: Belle will contact them wrt date etc.

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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.

May

Sun 01	Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat
Tue 03	Arts & Sciences evening
Wed 04	Fighters' practice
Fri 06	Pub social night
Sun 08	Fighters' practice, Archery
Tue 10	Southron Gaard Council meets
Wed 11	Fighters' practice
Sun 15	Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat
Tue 17	Baronial Scriptorium
Wed 18	Fighters' practice
Sun 22	Fighters' practice, Archery From the Tower deadline
Tue 24	Guild of Seamsters meets
Wed 25	Fighters' practice
Sat 28	Merchants' Ball (p xii)
Sun 29	Fighters' practice, Archery

June

Wed 01	Fighters' practice
Fri 03	Pub social night
Sun 05	Fighters' practice, Archery, Light combat
Tue 07	Arts & Sciences evening (p iii)
Wed 08	Fighters' practice
Sun 12	Fighters' practice, Archery, Light combat
Tue 14	Southron Gaard Council meets
Wed 15	Fighters' practice
Sat 18	Yule event (p xii)
Sun 19	Fighters' practice, Archery, Light combat From the Tower deadline
Tue 21	Baronial Scriptorium (p iv)
Wed 22	Fighters' practice
Sun 26	Fighters' practice, Archery, Light combat
Tue 28	Guild of Seamsters meets (p ii)
Wed 29	Fighters' practice

Far Future

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

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.

University of Canterbury Medieval and Renaissance Society

Arts & Sciences classes: Wednesday 6:30pm, UCSA International room, 90 Ilam Rd, Ilam.

Weapons Practice: Saturday 2pm, Spreydon School sports field, cnr Curletts Rd and Lincoln Rd (weather permitting).
Wednesday 8-10pm, UCSA Ballroom, 90 Ilam Rd, Ilam (After arts and sciences).

Archery practice alongside fighter's practice every Saturday

Dance classes: Mondays, 8pm to 9pm (general/beginner), 9pm to 10pm (demonstration), 'Creation', 105 Worcester Street (betw the Cathedral and Manchester St)

Events Afar

See Regnum for contacts and web sites

	Ildhafn (Auckland)
Wednesdays	Fight practice, needlework
Saturdays	Archery practice
Sundays	Fighters' practice

	Dartonshire (Wellington)
Sundays	Fighters' Practice

	Wellington Mediaeval Guild
Sundays	Dance practice
Wednesdays	Arts & Sciences meeting

	Cluain (Hamilton)
Thursdays	Fighters' practice

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 Isabel del Aguila (formerly Heloyse de Mont Saint Michel), email: chevron@paradise.net.nz or phone 981-1066.

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Elizabethan feast: No report.

October Muster: Offer from Jo. In conjunction with Heritage week. Will be by the old information building ('Our Place?'). There will be a two-week static display there, with display panels etc. in secure display cases, and insurance cover. Will be allowed to leave leaflets lying around. Tourney on 8th Oct. in part next door (women's suffragette statue). UCMRS will be asked to do dance and steel fighting demos. NOTE: Elizabethan feast will be that night.

Celtic Games: Suggestion from Ilar, will be after September.

November Muster: Amberhearth, no details yet.

Laurel's visit: Need a steward for Collegium thingy.

Spring Tourney: Calling for steward/expressions of interest (aiming for September).

December Quarter Day: Calling for steward/expressions of interest.

Possible Future event: July Coronation 2007. Would need to bid by festival 2006. Note: Darton is thinking about bidding. Would need a steward and team, etc. Robyn is offering advice from experience of running crown tourney.

Calling for Mummers for Yule.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting Procedure: Last meeting was very long. Belle suggested that, if we get a situation where the discussion is going round in circles, then call a vote. Would still be aiming for consensus; this would only be last resort. There was long discussion about it that boiled down to a question of its having been stated that the Council was run on a consensus basis. A tightening up of discussion was requested; when speaking, try to be concise, not waffling. If you say your piece and someone speaks opposing it, don't just reiterate the point you've already made. Request from Council for Seneschal to tell them when getting off topic.

Business Cards: Vicki and Peter went ahead with them in spite of Council decision last month. They wanted to get them ready by Baronial Anniversary and consulted with Financial Committee. A number of people were disappointed with this action, as it went against the stated wishes of the Council (also stated at planning meeting). It is now a done deal; worries that this might be a bad precedent. But, given that we were intending to do it (just wanted more say in the process), will reimburse Vicki and Peter for the \$133 spent on them.

Suggestion that there needs to be a better definition of Financial Committee, as that was part of what happened.

Financial Committee: SCANZ INC: If a group is going to spend money, it must be agreed to by the Financial Committee. In SG, we have had such decisions going through the whole Council. We were suggesting FC only for urgent things. Suggestion that it could also be used to carry out details of buying things where the Council has agreed. But the Council will need some kind of review capability.

ACTION: FC return next council meeting with guidelines etc.

Suggestion of a cap on purchases that aren't brought to the whole council?

Carol Book/CD: Ordered, not arrived yet.

Baronial Standards: Found some in the Baronial stuff, not great but okay.

Armour purchase: Bulk order from the US, including free shipping. This is a unique opportunity. Suggested that the Barony purchase some armour to sell on later to new fighters. NB. Ildhafn has done this, selling at a 10% mark-up to cover storage. There would be the possibility of ending up with a pile of armour lying around. NB. Helms are difficult to get hold of locally, many new fighters are having problems getting armour together. Peter (and Richard) willing to purchase any still around at end of a year at the cost+10% price. ACTION: ordering six helms and two sets of legs.

Richard to look into sources for armour (including sword hilts, etc.)

Baronial Trailer: FC to look into it and bring info back to Council.

Request for clarification of ownership of college money. If it is ours, then there are rules/guidelines that must be followed. College report document is on web page if people wish to read.

Need someone to take minutes for June to September (inclusive) as Jennifer not available to attend council.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:40 pm.

Chirurgeon

The Barony is currently without a Chirurgeon. We are not required to have a Chirurgeon, but if anyone 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 Chirurgeon to become a rostered Chirurgeon.

You would be expected to attend events and provide first aid where required, or deputise another rostered Chirurgeon to do this for you.

If you are interested, please send your applications to the Seneschal: seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz, the Baron and Baroness, and the Kingdom Chirurgeon: tfsawyer@yahoo.com.au

You can read more about the post at: <http://www.sca.org.au/chirurgeon/>



Ultimatum and Response

The words of the ultimatum presented at closing court at Rowany Festival (based on the letter of grievance presented by Jack Cade to Henry VI in 1450):

Unto Their Most Noble Majesties, Stephen and Mathilde, rightful rulers of the Kingdom of Lochac, do Bartholomew Baskin and Katherine Kerr, Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard, Inigo Missaglia and Cecilia Lyon, Baron and Baroness of Ildhafn, and Lady Francesca Martini, Seneschal of the Shire of Darton, send this most humble and urgent appeal.

We welcome the chance to have a consultation and meeting with You and with the rest of the Principal Men of the Kingdom, as to provision for remedies against the Dangers which are in these days threatening to cause Unwelcome Alarums, viz that about Your Highnesses are those who appear to be Insatiable and Covetous, that daily and nightly persist in Erroneous Belief, and who even now offer Threats to the southernmost parts of Your realm.

We ask You therefore to consider these points:

Item. We say that certain of Your lords have cast Covetous Eyes at the mighty extent of the Crescent Isles, termed by some Gottmark, and have made it known that they would forcibly annex our lands to their would-be island Principality as part of their Overweening Ambition to rise above the lowly place that their current geography grants them.

Item. We say that further to this the Baron and Baroness of Ynys Fawr have falsely claimed sovereignty over the Great White Southern Land, which has ever been under the guardianship of Southron Gaard, first as Shire and, in more recent times as Barony, as part of our greater lands.

Item. We say that such claims are false, for not only was Southron Gaard first granted such territory at its founding a Score and more of years ago, but just one dozen years past the peoples of the Crescent Isles, termed by some Gottmark, fought and won a series of Mighty Battles in the Pen Gwynne War to demonstrate to Your rebellious subjects then that Might and Right were on our side in this cause.

Item. We say that Ynys Fawr, by describing those broad, beautiful and austere lands as "the wastes of the south" has demonstrated clearly their Ignorance of the true character of those parts, whereas we are well familiar with our southernmost lands, having on many occasions undertaken Progresses through them.

Item. We well know that one cannot blame all the folk

of Ynys Fawr, nor all those that are about Your Majesties' Persons, nor all gentlemen nor yeomen, nor all men of law, nor all bishops, but all such as may be found guilty by just and true inquiry and by the law, of making false claims to the Crescent Isles, termed by some Gottmark, and erroneous claims to the guardianship of the Great White Southern Land.

Item. We are concerned that this False Counsel could lead to the loss of Law, the destruction of the common people, the loss of Safe Passage on the seas, and that such Bellicose Murmurings may well have the Court so beset that none can pay for meat nor drink with all monies drained into the unfertile fruits of War.

Therefore we ask only that the aforementioned False Baron and Baroness retract their Groundless Claim to such overlordship, repudiate their Expansionary Ambitions and apologise for their Error.

Should such a Retraction, Repudiation and Apology be not forthcoming from the aforesaid Baron and Baroness by year end, we would feel duty bound to find cause to have our Rights defended upon the Field of Valour and elsewhere as may be required. We would ask, bearing in mind the Fidelity and Love in which we are bound to You that, at the time of Festival next, we may regard ourselves as free to undertake Such Action as may be necessary for dealing with disputes of this kind.

And we further pray that should such be the case, then Justice will see the True Barons, Lords and Knights, and all Your true liege men sent unto Festival next, to act to help and Support us in our cause, for whatsoever he be that will not these defaults assist to amend, he is falser than a Saracen. Thus indicating to the misguided leaders of Ynys Fawr that such bellicosity, covetousness, greed, avarice and Historical Error will not be tolerated within the borders of this fine Kingdom.

And the response from Ynys Fawr:

Unto Bartholomew and Katherine, Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard do Arnfinn and Aine, Baron and Baroness of Ynys Fawr, being the lands of Terra Antarctica in the South to the upper limits of the stormy waters of Bass Strait in the north, send familial greetings.

It is our most gracious pleasure to congratulate you upon your ascension to the Coronets of Southron Gaard.

Upon the instance of reading your recent missive and the attached chart it has become clear that we have be-

come the unfortunate subjects of a conspiracy of cartographers, for truly does the chart indicate that Southron Gaard does thereon claim the wastelands of Terra Antarctica, which was granted to us by Their Majesties Jade and Shaena some ten years ago and is administered from the hamlet of Kingston in the south of the largest of our islands.

We therefore make request in two parts; the first that the cartographer in question be made subject to such disciplinary measures as you have at your disposal, the Martyrdom of St Sebastian not being considered too extreme an example. The second, that the charts be corrected to reflect proper custodianship with as much haste as your resources and circumstances permit.

The prior incident notwithstanding, we do affirm the rights of passage unto all the populace of Southron Gaard. Further to this we do offer the use of our standing navy to assist you in the patrolling of your territorial waters should your own resources be unable to service your needs.



Their Excellencies, Bartholomew & Katherine
at Rowany Festival

Armourer Available

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

Ph. 360-0909

Southron Gaard Enlistment Song

(Sung to 'Over the Hills and Far Away')

There'll be ale and pots of rum
For those who'll volunteer to come
To 'list and fight the foe today.
Over the hills and far away.

(Chorus)

O'er the hills and o'er the sea,
To Crossroads gates from Rowany.
Baron Bart commands and we obey.
Over the hills and far away.

We'll rain down blows as on a pell
Unto the very walls of hell
We shall stand and we shall stay
Over the hills and far away

(Chorus)

Ynys Fawr's tyrants come and go
I'll stand adjudged by what I know
A soldier's life I'll ne'er gainsay
Over the hills and far away

(Chorus)

Then fall in lads behind the drum,
Our Tower blazing like the sun.
Along the road to come-what may.
Over the hills and far away.

(Chorus)

(Chorus)

Words by Sir Vitale Giustiniani
Tune by Trad



Return of the Red-Hot Mummers!!!

Yes, the ancient tradition of the Mummers' Play will be revived at the Yule festivities, this time with an all-new script (well, one we haven't done yet).

There are nine parts: the Speaker; Bulgard; Saint George; the King of Egypt; the Doctor; the Prince of Paradise; Hector; Bold Old Bill; and Beelzebub.

None of the parts are large, so you won't need to learn long speeches, and you *definitely* don't need acting experience! Beelzebub is taken, but the rest are up for grabs. Although the parts are all for men, this will be an equal-opportunities production

I plan to hold an initial meeting/rehearsal on either Saturday May 7th or Sunday May 9th. If you're interested, please let me know well before then at 382-6388 or lilar@clear.net.nz

Mediaeval Plague May Explain Resistance to HIV

LONDON (Agence de Presse Medicale)

The persistent epidemics of haemorrhagic fever that struck Europe during the Middle Ages provided the selection pressures that have made 10 percent of Europeans resistant to HIV infection, according to a UK study. A mutation called delta-32 in the cellular receptor dubbed CCR5 protects against HIV infection, and is found more often in Europeans than in other populations.

Scientists have previously suggested that the genetic mutation became common because it protected people against the Black Death or smallpox epidemics, while those with normal CCR5 were wiped out. But computer modelling, based on the changing demographics of Europe from 1000 to 1800 AD, showed how haemorrhagic fever forced up the frequency of this mutation from 1 in 20,000 at the time of the Black Death to values today of 1 in 10.

The researchers note that lethal, viral hemorrhagic fevers were recorded in the Nile valley from 1500 BC and were followed by the plagues of Mesopotamia (700-450 BC), Athens (430 BC), the plague of Justinian (AD 541-700) and those of the early Islamic empire (AD 627-744). The European plagues from 1347 to 1665 were also a series of hemorrhagic infections caused by a virus that used the CCR5 as an entry port into the immune system.

Although plague passed its peak after the Great Plague of London in 1665, it did not disappear completely, but continued in Sweden, Copenhagen, Russia, Poland and Hungary until 1800, providing continuing selection pressure on the mutation and explaining why it occurs today at its highest frequency in Scandinavia and Russia.

SOURCE: *Journal of Medical Genetics*, March 2005

Yahoo news today: http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/nm/20050310/hl_nm/plague_hiv_dc

YULE

a medieval mid-winter festivity

Saturday 18th June

The Crown Masonic Centre
74 Wordsworth Street, Sydenham

Site opens 7.00 pm



This is a chance to put on your finery and celebrate Yule (Medieval Christmas) as in days of old.

There will be a High Court, dancing, singing, entertainments and games. A supper will be served mid-evening and gifts given by the Baron & Baroness.

**Cost (provisional) \$8 per person
(plus \$2 for non-members)
Half price for children. Toddlers free**

Merchants' Ball

Set in France during the winter of 1589

Saturday 28th May 2005

Richmond Methodist Church Hall

Doors open at 7:00pm

Tickets: \$8.50

Available from Helois: 981-1066 or
chevron@paradise.net.nz

Site is dry. Light supper and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

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About you:

Membership number: _____

First Name: _____ Family Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Suburb: _____ City: _____

Telephone number (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Occupation: _____ Are you under 18? ☐

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

Email address: _____

Society Name: _____

Membership type:

☐ Subscribing membership \$40 ☐ Associate membership \$22

☐ Family membership \$20 ☐ Replacement card \$5

(Family members receive no kingdom newsletter. Available only to members at the same address as a holder of a full membership. Associate memberships do not include a kingdom newsletter subscription, and do not entitle you to hold office in the SCA or fight for Crown.)

I declare that the information given is true and correct:

Signed (please use legal name):

Payment information:

Fill in one form per person. If you have queries, you can contact me on registrar@sca.org.nz. Please do not post cash. Make cheques payable to Society for Creative Anachronism (NZ) Inc. We cannot accept credit card payments at this time.

Send this form with payment to:

SCA Registrar, M Forest, 179 Pembroke Road, Wilton, Wellington. Ph/Fax 04-475 7079.

All information must be correctly filled out for your membership to be processed. The information you give on this form will be kept on file by the SCA(NZ) registry according to the Privacy Act 1993, and may be shared with kingdom officers and affiliated SCA corporations as needed. If you believe we hold incorrect information, you can contact the registrar directly on the address above for a copy of your details. You can use this form to update your information, by ticking the box titled 'change of information' at the top.

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