

Ramshaven Herald

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Busy, Content!

From Early 2016 to Now

Our Kingdom, and Our Barony, has seen tremendous output over the past several months, and we have not even seen the beginning of summer yet. The running theme that ties so many of us together is Arts and Sciences, of course, though that is only the most talked about!

Did you attend Cesare's January Baronial class, making wire rings?



Did you attend Kingdom A&S in February? Or Bryniau's Family Day Fight Practice, where Their Excellencies Ramshaven were given a certain amount of largesse?



In March, Der Welfengau gained another Lord, when their seneschal Penn received their Award of Arms! Wassail!

April saw a lively gathering at Forward Into The Past. As well, there was the well received Coronation, run by the Incipient Canton of Northgeatham, their first hosted event. At this event we saw Cesare receive the Award of the Maiden's Heart, and Wulfric made the new Baronial Armoured Champion. We look forward to the next one!

Also in April was the Barony's contribution to the third annual Bruce County Demo, another success in Northgeatham country! Here is a link to a local article: <http://saugenshoreshub.ca/arts/1582-patrons-go-back-in-time-at-bruce-county-museum.html>

In May, the event to get to was Fruits Of Our Labour, where many classes were taught and combat skills were practiced and displayed, and most of all, where many friends started this year's camping season.

Of significance, Their Excellencies wanted to remind the populace, that there was but a year left in their term - too soon for an official announcement, yet soon enough for any gentles to begin considering applying for the high seats of the Barony. Details of this process will be forthcoming, when that time comes.

Speaking of length of term, as I had been Chronicler for a good while now, I sought out, and found, a Deputy Chronicler. His tenure as Deputy will be decidedly short - I'm going on a Chronicling holiday!!!

Taking up the Opportunity: Fearghas, Deputy Chronicler!

Greetings, my Lords and Ladies!

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Fearghas Mackenna of Bryniau Tywynnog, and your new Baronial Chronicler.

I am relatively new to the Society, having only joined in the latter half of 2015. My lovely bride, Anne Cooke, had previously been involved in Ben Dunfirth in years past, but had taken time off because...

Life happens. She later discovered that she missed being part of the Known World and asked if, perhaps, I would be interested. I wasn't sure, at first, but have taken to this game that we love like a duck to water.

Since becoming a member, I have partaken in Heavy Armoured Combat (with some modicum of success), learned the finer points of blacksmithing, and started creating a chain mail weave sampler. I've been a participant in four events so far, and rediscovered my love of archery. I'm looking forward to learning more about Heavy Combat, so that I can close the many gaps that I have in my knowledge, as well as participating in more A&S events.

When I heard that Adnar had been performing the role of Chronicler for well past the office's term, I offered my services.

I'm looking forward to seeing where we can take the Ramshaven Herald in the coming months and years!

A Few Words from Cesare

Greetings to the populace of Ramshaven!

I have been lucky enough to be your Baronial Arts & Science Officer for half a year now, and I have not found myself disappointed once during that time. Your enthusiasm and co-operation continues to inspire and energize me, as a person, and as your MoAS.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank the canton officers for their support and for having their reports done promptly and with great detail – next one is due June 1st! Reports are not easy for your A&S officers because so much of what we do in the society falls under the wide scope of 'arts, and sciences'. The garb we wear, the armor we fight in, and the music we sing at campfires, is all part and parcel of what an A&S officer needs to report on.

Reports are not just about the kingdom level knowing what you are doing, or making sure your work is recognized in an award – it is also about the Society as a whole. We exist as a non-profit organization because of research, whether it is by study or re-creation. By reporting to your officer all of the multitude of things, or just the one single thing, that you do, you help contribute to us being able to play this game we love so much.

Your officer isn't there to see what you work on in front of your television, or to hear the lessons you give others under the sunshade at an event. They may even miss that you stood up and sang at feast, which means there is some onus on you, to let

them know. Make sure that come reporting time, they have a list of what you have done. It can be in point form, and simply stated, a few days before their report is due – that's it. You can keep a notebook beside your crafting table, and just note what project you do, as you do it, so it is easy to remember. You can scan your brain trying to remember it all the day you are making the list to hand in. No matter what your approach, please don't make your canton MoAS have to approach you, to find out what you are doing in A&S. Talk to them, e-mail them a picture, or post on Facebook and tag their name. Engage with your officer so they can do their jobs to the best of their ability.

The Baronial A&S classes have been a wonderful success, and I have you all to thank for that. The teachers, who take time out of their lives to share what they know, often on a schedule best for the barony and hosting canton, more than their own preference, are amazing people. Those that travel to participate in the classes are a vital part of the barony, and I appreciate your enthusiasm. I'd like to especially thank Penn, who is our current Streak Holder, having not missed a single class!

We still have three scheduled classes. In June, there will be Introduction to Norse wire weaving taught by Emer, in July, Introduction to Calligraphy taught by Adnar, and in September, Making a Cabochon which I myself am going to be teaching. August we will not have a class due to it being 'War Month'.

I would love to get more volunteers for further classes. If you have even a basic understanding in an A&S field, not yet covered, then please contact me about sharing it with others.

And finally – I have some exciting, and important, news to share with the populace. Their Excellencies Ramshaven have need of a Champion in the field of the Arts and Sciences. A champion who shall be an inspiration within the barony, and a shining example of the Barony's endowments to the rest of our great Kingdom.

To this end, at Their Excellencies' pleasure, I invite all in the barony to compete in the Baronial A&S Tournament at Baron's Brouhaha III in the Incipient Canton of Northgeatham (July 15-17), so that one



worthy gentle may hold this esteemed position.

What do you get? Bragging rights, the admiration of your fellow Ramshaven members, and a prize to cherish for all time (or until you find someone who deserves it more). What duties are required of you? You are tasked with representing Ramshaven's A&S talent outside the Barony. Strut your stuff as often as you can, with display tables at other events, entering at least one kingdom level A&S competition, and maybe - just maybe - something outside the Kingdom, especially if you like to spend your summers by a certain lake.

To enter the tournament, you need to enter two items that are of a different skillset from each other. Take as an example embroidery and cheese making. Those seeking to attain this most wondrous status must submit to me their name and the items they will be entering by July 1st - two weeks before the event.

Documentation will be necessary and, while it would be appreciated a week before the event (July 8th), as long as it is present at the event that is all I ask. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

So, gallant people of noble Ramshaven, heed the virtuous call of your most beneficent Baron and Baroness, and rise to this most worthy challenge! Set forth on this most courageous adventure in the name of your Barony, your Kingdom, and the glorious field of Arts & Science!

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What? The Answers to last issue's crossword!

I tried my hand with a crossword generator - did you try the crossword? This can also serve as a snapshot for Our Society!

Horizontal

- 4. founded Cairo, City of the Mosques, in 969CE (Fatimids)
- 5. to go viking you are. also making a new trade route (raiding)
- 6. gifts from royalty (largesse)
- 11. Duke Sir Edward's favourite battle? (Hastings)
- 13. most famous of trade routes (silk road)
- 14. practice at Rockton Fairgrounds or Shooter's Choice (archery)
- 17. Arts and Sciences: one year personal challenge (White Wolf Fian)
- 19. Italian rulers, 568-774 (Lombards)
- 20. a family, could be akin to 16 (household)
- 22. The Real Land of the Free (Frisia)
- 26. Cistercian monk who argued for creation of 34 (Bernard of Clairvaux)
- 28. Old French (Occitan)
- 33. royally chartered group with a common interest (metalworking, brewing, games...) (guild)
- 35. May 20-23, 2016 Awesome Outdoor and Hands On Learning Experience (Fruits Of Our Labour)
- 40. lining for a horn (beeswax)
- 41. for registering arms, do you speak...? (heraldese)
- 43. wagon and a grant-level service award (Wain)
- 44. key-keeper or mayor (Seneschal)

Vertical

- 1. before the Franks (Visigoth)
- 2. deposed Emperor Romulus in 476 (Odoacer)

3. short for entering a variety of 5 items in Kingdom Arts and Sciences Event (pent)
7. female Norse garb (but how is it worn?) (apron dress)
8. Yay! in the East (Vivat)
9. usual upper limit in answer to 24 (Elizabeth I)
10. variety of frame drum (bodhran)
12. chocolate chess pieces at Wassail Feast, e.g. (subtlety)
15. sweet and salty service to combatants (esp. Pennsic) (commissariat)
16. April 2nd, 2016. Great Annual Course Offerings - Be There! (Forward into the Past)
18. one of the oldest universities (al azhar)
21. Edward I was known for reforming this, and we still deal with it today (common law)
23. Ramshaven's Red Tooth Award (Guidon de Sangue)
24. a favourite for laughs (Monty Python)
25. music player (bard in a box)
26. frequently cited through medieval times, esp On The Consolation of Philosophy (Boethius)
27. officer responsible for funds (exchequer)
29. one local high authenticity group (Regia Anglorum)
30. Common question when discovering a style/technique (is it period)
31. bring/memorize/learn a favourite song, poem, story, to this (bardic circle)
32. Famous Irish manuscript, c.800 (Book of Kells)
34. Art of Japanese Braiding (kumihimo)
36. wooden music player (recorder)
37. edible treat invented in 610 by a monk (pretzel)
38. Yay! in Ealdormere (Wassail)
39. multi-national bankers and knightly order of the Crusades (Templars)
42. Minister of Arts and Sciences (MoAS)

Baron	Penda of Ramshaven
Baroness	Sibylla of Ramshaven
Seneschal	Lucia de Moranza
Armoured Marshall	Vanion
Exchequer	Kohl of Rokesburg
Chronicler	Adnar Dionadair (Erhard Kruger)
Arts & Sciences Minister	Cesare
Herald	Tristan Galbraith
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Barony of Ramshaven	www.ramshaven.com
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