



The Ramshaven

Herald

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Barony of Ramshaven

March 1, 2018

Rapier Tournament of Renown a Momentous Success



The court of Their Majesties, Edward and Rylyn, opened and then was shared with Their Excellencies of Ramshaven, celebrating the accomplishments of The Rapier Tournament of Renown on February 10th, 2018 in Shakespeare of Ealdormere. After offering the Kingdom Crowns bacon, Their Excellencies announced a change of officers. Guoillauc filius Branch as the new Herald of Their court and Sibylla of Glyndmere stepping in as the new Baronial Chronicler. Their Majesties were honoured to celebrate the addition of Mistress Eyrny Ormarsdottir to the Order of Master of Defence. New comers were also celebrated by the tradition a gifted cup so that they may share a drink at their next event.

A New Wee Lamb Born into Ramshaven



(photo provided by: Fearghas)

Proud parents, Anne Cooke and Fearghas MacKenna are pleased to have their long awaited Felix home, in their loving arms. He was born January 26th weighing in at just under five pounds. Precious to us all.

An Outstanding overview of the event was given by Eyrny herself on the gathering pages ([Facebook](#)).

A Few Good Lads Make Events Run Smoothly



Pictured above are Fearghas MacKenna the master gate keeper, Guoillauc filius Branch who is a trusted soul with willing hands, and Dietrich von Sachsen was the Autocrat for the event. Many souls helped and were very much appreciated.

Up and coming Events

Winter War:

Saturday, March 3, 2018
East Elgin Community Complex 531 Talbot St.
W, Aylmer ON in the Shire of Trinovantia
Nova

Break the Back of Winter:

Saturday, March 10, 2018
Hosted by the Stronghold of Greyfells

Kingdom A&S Saturday, March 24, 2018

812 Old Hwy 8, Rockton, ON
Hosted by the Barony of Ben Dunfirth

Royal Armoured Tournament of Renown:

April 7, 2018
1395 Lake Shore Blvd W, Toronto
Hosted by the Canton of Eoforwic

Museum Demonstration

Saturday, April 21, 2018
Bruce County Museum, 33 Victoria St N,
Southampton, ON
Hosted by the Canton of Northgeatham

Spring Coronation

Saturday, April 28th, 2018
3191 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, ON
Hosted by the Canton of Caldrithig

Lady Mary

Saturday, May 12, 2018
New Hope Church, St Catharines. ON
Hosted by the Barony of Rising Waters

Fruits of Our Labours

Camp Impeesa
827559 Township Rd Drumbo
Hosted by the Canton of
Bryniau Tywynnog

For more information about up and coming events please engage in Ealdormere Kingdom Calendar

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Canton of Der Welfengau



In December of AS 16, Lord Tsvetan ~ having seen a vision of a great silvery griffon of ruby eyes and flaming tongue ~ gathered together with four other

gentles to form the Canton. The device of Der Welfengau was registered in AS 20.

Currently, meetings are held at The Round Table in Guelph, 32 Essex Street. Gathering time is from 7pm until 9pm or thereabouts, depending on what is going on. Rapier practice is dependent upon a Marshal being present. Currently, armoured combat is on hold due to lack of space although; come the warmer months, armoured combat becomes more likely.

A&S happens ever week and we do participate in the trivia contest held on site managing to even win a few which has made the group prosperous in that there will be snacks purchased on a well attended evening.

Peter Clark Hall at the University of Guelph, the usual meeting facility for the group, is currently undergoing some renovations making that gathering place unavailable for the time being.

For more information please consult sca-guelph@yahoo.com or see us on the gathering page (Facebook) UoG Medieval & Renaissance Society / der Welfengau or contact Seneschal Aeschine at dw.guelph@gmail.ca

Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog



The name "Bryniau Tywynnog" (pr. BRIN'-ee-aw Te-WIN'-og) means "Sandy Hill" in Welsh. It is a name rooted in local history.

Fight practices take place every Thursday evening from 7-10 pm at Scholar's Hall in Kitchener. Everyone is encouraged to attend the business meeting and share their thoughts. Meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, from 7:10 pm until the business is taken care of, at Scholar's Hall in Kitchener. These happen at the same time as Fight Practice.

Armouring Nights offer a chance to get access to tools, materials, and help in regard to building of armour and other projects. Armouring Nights happen *approximately* every other Wednesday from 7:00 - 9:30 pm at the home of Edward, Rylyn, & Jobjorn in Waterloo near Columbia & Fischer-Hallman. Contact Rylyn for directions and to confirm the schedule and meeting agendas.

News and group plans are shared via a Yahoo email group at groups.yahoo.com Discussions also take place on the gathering page for Ramshaven (Facebook) For more information please contact Seneschal Eryny at bryniau.tywynnog@gmail.com

Canton of Northgeatham



A little easier to say than most can comprehend but when written in this form, North-geat-ham, it becomes clear. "The northern hamlet." Gatherings are held every

Sunday from 1pm to 5pm unless otherwise posted on the gathering notification page (Face book) which also includes plans for the day, ideas, and armouring intensions. Meetings include the arts and sciences, discussion of group activities, and socializing while taking in refreshments of tea and sometimes, cake. Did I mention cake? If you wish to be included on the Northgeatham notification page please send a request and you shall be added. Regularly anticipated events for the group include the annual Museum Demonstration held in April at the Bruce County Museum and Archives and Barons' Brouhaha which is usually held in mid July unless the calendar leaves us too close to War of the Trillium and Pennsic War. In this case, Baron's Brouhaha is pushed to a time in August. For further information about Northgeatham please feel free to contact the Chatelaine, Wulfric of the Blackwoods at northgaedhamchatelaine@gmail.com

*Your artwork here
would be rather stunning*

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Target? Or is There a More "to the point" Explanation?



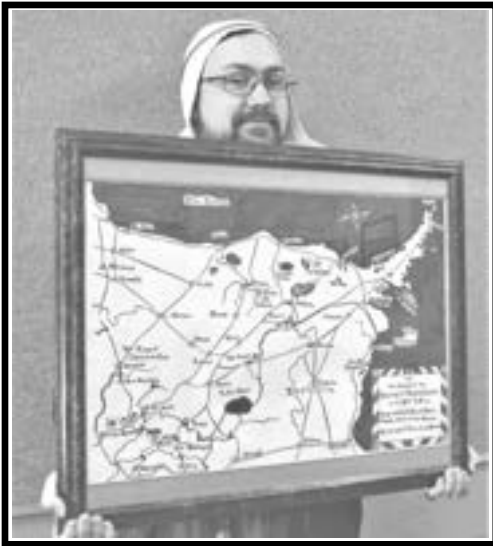
Mistress Eyrny Ormarsdottir had an enjoyable but remarkably busy event, the Rapier Tournament of Renown, on February 10th, 2018. Not only was it her day to shine as the most recently celebrated Master of Defence, but was properly challenged by the Honourable Lord Gaeth for the Iron Ring of Prowess. What is this iron ring? Well, contrary to my belief, is *not* a target in which you must thrust your rapier through the ring to win the point. It is however a symbol of Prowess known in the Kingdom of Ealdormere, East Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, Kingdom of Meredies, and the Kingdome of Northshield. Five rings in all.

Mistress Eyrny won the Iron Ring from The Honourable Lord Gareth at War of the Trillium in 2017, properly dressed in proper rapier form as per requirement of the challenge. After the required, best two out of three, bouts The Honourable Gareth had, indeed, honourably and with great prowess won back the precious—er, Iron Ring. Will Eyrny re-challenge? We shall see.



Making of a Map

As told by Dietrich von Sachsen



Those of you in attendance at this past year's Wassail may have had the chance to observe me feverishly at work with gouache paint and ink on a project that had been percolating for over a year; namely, a map of our great Barony of Ramshaven. Whilst I've always loved a good quality map and been part of the Cartographer's Guild of Ealdormere for at least a year before I started this project, my initial assignment was to create a map of Bryniau Tywynnog.

The impetus for the map came out of considering a potential run for the High Seats of the barony with the Honourable Lady Emer. One of the ideas I had been toying with was to assign parcels of land to various gentles in the Barony – perhaps as part of receiving their Guidons) – to hold in fief from us for the duration of our tenure. This prompted a detailed survey of the real-world map on Google Maps, not only to establish where our borders actually lay, but to mark out all the little villages, hamlets, islands, and other features you'd need to get very granular to see. It was in this fashion that I discovered such entertaining locals as Bogies Beach, Punkeydoodles' Corners and, my particular favourite, the Slough of Despond Wetlands Management Area.

Seriously, who named that?!

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Your artwork could be here and save us all from internet treachery.

(image borrowed from medieval scroll work clip art)

Where in Ramshaven is this?

What could be more fun than getting to know your Barony? What if it was a contest? Better yet, what if it was a contest with prizes? Every newsletter there will be a fresh photograph of a Ramshaven location as well as clue provided by the photographer. Our most charitable Baron and Baroness will bequeath a mystery gift of their choice to the victor, who will then be recognized in the following newsletter. Should you wish to provide a random photograph of anywhere in Ramshaven, please contact myself, Sibylla, via email at tamara.pasley@gmail.com. Please attach your photograph in your email along with your clue which should be suitable enough to aid the rest of the flock and enhance the fun of the contest. The clue could be a short poem, a riddle, or a simple sentence with a hint of description as to where the photo is taken. A hint? Many of the answers can be found on the very pages of this, our Ramshaven news letter.

Please participate by sending your creative guesses to Our Baron and Baroness, Penn and Lucia de Moranza, pennandlucia@gmail.com. They will then choose the individual with the most creative and correct answer.

This issue, we have *"From behind this door wondrous delights issue."*



Photo graph provided by: Their Excellencies Ramshaven, Penn and Lucia de Moranza

Want to Get your Venetian on? Monna Laura Battista is offering a class on cinquecento Venetian women's clothing at Practicum, and also at Winter War. Laura has been studying Venetian gowns for longer than she likes to admit, and has a Crucible in period




Athelbert can be found merchanting at various events. While his specialty remains in leatherworks, he can also be counted upon for a good pun! Visit his table or www.facebook.com/sparrowhawkleathergoods

Illumination by: Lady sciath ingen Chaennaig

What's that you speak?

"What do you put on first when attending an event?"



"My shirt? No, wait! My persona!"
Spoken by:
Isobel Fraoch of Ramshaven



"My pants."
Spoken by:
Muirghein Macquerrie of Trinovantia Nova



"I put on the coffee."
Spoken by:
Christiana de Mondigomery of Ramshaven



"First thing I have to put on, you know, is the dawning sensation that I have clearly forgotten something."
Dietrich von Sachen of Ramshaven



"Umm.. Oh gosh, I put my feet on the floor."
Spoken by:
Mistress Kaellyn of Ramshaven

Making of a map continued...

With my completed Google Map in tow and having nearly provoked about a half-dozen border wars within the Kingdom, the next stage was to research medieval maps. The most important point about medieval *mappae* was they were not there to provide purely accurate geographical information. Rather, a *mappa* was more akin to a visual encyclopaedia, providing the viewer with and understand of history, religion, and politics as well as geography. Hence you see maps which have geographical north at the bottom, as they are oriented towards the center of the world – Jerusalem, and others where Europe, Asia, and Africa are depicted as three petals of a suspiciously trillium-shaped flower. This is also how you get maps of "Greater Ben Dunfirth", which have a strange understanding of where our borders should lie. Although I wanted my map to have a greater geographic fidelity, bringing it more in line with later maritime maps, I decided to have my map to be facing west, in the direction of the first of the Laurel Kingdoms. It also had the added bonus of making it easier to write details down, given how Ramshaven is, when aligned north, tall and thin.

For my materials, I used a sheet of Pergamum paper, which for the non-scribes is a sort of faux vellum. After giving the paper a light sanding (Pergamum needs to be gentled roughed, else nothing will stick to it), I penciled in a 1-inch border and began work on drawing the coastline. The Bruce Peninsula was particular difficult in this

regard, as several times I drew it far too short and broad. With the coastlines completed, I penciled in the location of the cantons, "ruins" (i.e. those Cantons fallen into abeyance), and rivers. I had originally



*Photograph provided by:
Mori Shiome-dono*

planned to fill the border with the heraldry of Ramshaven – the Baronial device at the top, flanked by the barons and baronesses current and past, and so on – but time constraints and design factors made me abandon that idea.

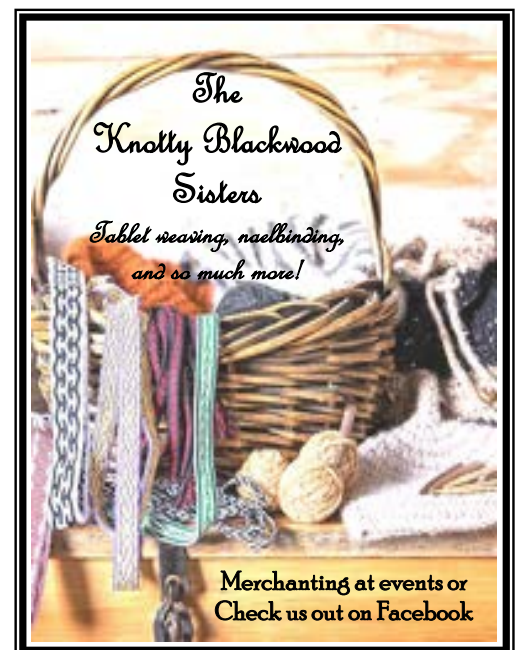
With the majority of the map thus sketched out, I then turned to my paints. Although obviously modern in construction, gouache paint is most similar to medieval paints, being a very high-pigment paint. I had troubles all throughout the map with it flaking off,

though this got better as I watered down the pigment in the later stages. As I moved further south, I would add small villages to the map, and then roads connecting them.

One thing I made a point of doing was having borders follow natural features in so far that I was able, rather than the exact Google Map border which follows county lines and roads. Medieval borders were, whenever able, demarked by some sort of natural feature, and I wished to do the same. I also made a point of adding small fun details: for example, in the vicinity of Cargill, I created "The Blackwoods", in reference to the Scadians who dwell there.

I decided to use a gothic script for the calligraphy, mostly because that's what my persona would have used, but also because it's just a handsome script, in my humble opinion. The overall painting and calligraphy took a solid week of work, but by the court of Wassail, I had a fully completed map to present to their Excellencies, to their genuine surprise and delight.

My biggest annoyance about this project was, and is, the fact that the gouache paint is so prone to flaking off. I'm not sure if this is a product of the paint or the paper, but I think I shall have to practice a LOT more with it. That said, I am insufferably pleased with the result, and I hope this is displayed proudly for years to come... and if this has inspired you, well, that map of Bryniau Tywynnog still needs to be done...



*The
Knolly Blackwood
Sisters*

*Tablet weaving, naelbinding,
and so much more!*

**Merchanting at events or
Check us out on Facebook**



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term: May 2017 - 2019

Please remember that anyone and everyone can recommend people for awards! Your voice counts!



Christiana du Montgomery: Exchequer

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term: Oct 2016 - 2018

Have been in the counting house, counting out the money and dusting out the coffers. Happy to report that it is all there.



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term: September 2017 - 2019

Arts and Sciences are strong in our barony. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody's great work at Kingdom A&S in March and seeing people learning new things at Fruits of our Labours in May.



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term: February 2018 - 2020

It is my pleasure to be serving Ramshaven. I would like to invite all to submit articles and photographs to me. I look forward to seeing the participation grow.



Wulfric of the Blackwoods: Armoured Combat Marshal

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term: July 2016 - 2018

Armoured combat is alive and well. Enjoyed Family Day Fight Practice in Bryniau Tywynnog. Northgeatham has been braving the cold with some great bear pits up in the Great Hall.



Penda of Glindemere Lord Clerk-Register (Web minister)

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term: October 2017 - 2019

Please send any suggestions you may have and please remember to check the Ramshaven website and OP to ensure information is correct. Thank you



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term: February 2018 - 2020

I'm extremely grateful to Their Excellencies Ramshaven for this chance to serve the Barony, and live out their "call to Adventure."

Ramshaven's Baronial Champions



Rapier
Alienor la fileuse

Photo: Baron Penn



Armoured Combat
Bartholomus Hespeler

Photo: Roma Sheppard



Archery
Helga of Ramshaven

Photo: Helga herself



Chroton Weapons
Daniel of Whitby

Photo: Sibylla



Arts and Science
Rua Lupa

Photo: Aethelbert

A word from Your Baron and Baroness, Penn and Lucia de Mornaza ...



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term: May 2017 to Present

Greetings to the populace of Ramshaven,

As winter starts to hint at spring we find ourselves grateful for all of the support we have received, and all the wondrous events that the Barony has arranged over the last year. Not only have we seen our usual annual events of Fruits Of Our Labours, Baron's Brouhaha, and Wassail, we've also had Spring Crown Tourney, Queen's Prize Tourney, the Missile Tournament of Renown, and the Rapier Tournament of Renown. All these events have (I hope) invigorated the people of Ramshaven as they have us. Most recently at the Rapier Tournament we had some people travel great distances to attend in spite of poor weather. Much merriment and swordplay was had.

We have asked that the populace keep in mind our Word of the Year, **Adventure**, for the great adventure we have embarked on. If you have any stories of adventure you wish to bring us please do so in person or by missive.

As always, have fun and stay safe.

Yours in service

Baron Penn and Baroness Lucia



Court of Our Excellencies

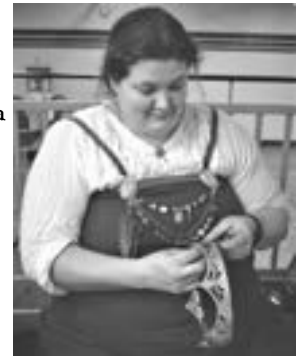
A Gathering of Crows? What Mayhem is This?



News from abroad. A murder of crows? The Unofficial Region of Trinovantia Nova Know as Champs des Corbeau, for reporting purposes, has been holding fight practices at the Moose Lodge in Chatham on the first Monday of the month. Participation has been very good, with members from Trinovantia Nova, the March of St Martin, and Starleaf Gate regularly attending. All are welcome! contact Signore Cesare di Salvazzi or Monna Laura Battista for more information.



Orla O'Shannahan, or shall I say The Honourable Lady Orla, is a truly an amazing artist. Although jewellery creation is her profession, Orla is also quite talented in other fields, including weaving, and natural dye practises. While chasing a most enchanting and adorable two year old around, she can be found proudly selling her wares at events. Merchanting is also a pass time that keeps Orla busy. She is also fond of teaching others how to make their own pretties. Lost wax casting, enamel work, silk painting, Viking wire weaving, and sand casting to name a few. In this photo we see Orla putting the finishing touches on a coronet specially designed for Mistress Eyrny Ormarsdottir who entered the Master of Defence Order during the Rapier Tournament of Renown event which happened recently in the Barony of Ramshaven. Orla has a few coronets under her belt, so to speak, Their current Majesties of Ealdormere, Edward and Rylyn's Ducal coronets. Others include Mistress Kaellyn, Anne and Tiberius, as well as Alfredo & Tangwystal. All stunning works of art.



The wonderfully talented eight finalists

A proud occasion

Renowned guests where in abundance as well. Duchess, Mistress of the Laurel and Rose, Tangwystl

Guess who loves Rapier more than Kersteken? Nobody!

Parry weapons can be anything! Macaroni lid? Sure, why not.

One pound of flesh was gifted by His Excellency, Penn, of Ramshaven to Our (that's correct) Majesties in Court.

Rapier Tournament of Renown scrapbook page

Lord Damian's Wares

Lord Damian of Ben dun Firth can often be seen at events of all sizes with his stash of necessities (for those who are attending their first event or may have forgotten their feast gear), research worthy books, and a goodly assortment of trinkets. He enjoys attending events as they are a good source of entertainment.

