



The Ramshaven Herald

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Barony of Ramshaven

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A Beacon of Light...er Height For Ramshaven's Army



How exciting! Our good Baron, Excellency Penn, authorized at Winter War in the Shire of Trinovantia Nova. When asked how he felt after authorizing he merely said, "I am read for Gulf Wars. Now can I go see my wife?" Gulf Wars was in Lumberton Mississippi.



Radiant Crowns of Ealdormere at Gulf Wars



Twenty Kingdoms of the known world were present for the festivities at Gulf Wars held in Lumberton, Mississippi. We were well represented with thirty one Ealdormerians on site amongst the 3,368 SCAdians in attendance.



Our King and Queen getting acquainted with the horses.

Preparing to address the Royals and be heard by the populace.

Big Horn of Plenty at Kingdom Arts and Science Event



Out of seven Pentathlon entrants, two were from Ramshaven. Laura Bastida did a fine showing with her Venetian wears. The wooden, purple heart carved seahorse hair parting tool being my personal favourite item. Aleksandr Bergesson caught the weavers guild attention earning him a specialty prize for his tablet weaving skills. He was also



Our Excellencies were gifted sheep! They need names. The Ram is quite snugly and the black sheep has zippers. Please join in the fun and help name the new flock members.

recognized by the White Wolf Fian for his amazing display of "crazy like us" items. Spruce pitch anyone? Other participants included Emer nic Aiden displaying her hand sewn coat, Sibylla of Glyndmere with my box from a log, and His Excellency, Penn, with a silk banner. Her Excellency, Lucia, entered two items, a pair of winingas and her silk embroidered coif. The best news is that Our Baroness was made a Companion of the Order of the Crucible and received teeny tiny scrolls by THL Adnar Dionadair, much to her amusement. Wassail!

Up and coming Events

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 Caldrihig

Lady Mary

Saturday, May 12, 2018

New Hope Church, St Catharines, ON
Hosted by the Barony of Rising Waters

Fruits of Our Labours

Friday, May 18 to the Monday the 21, 2018

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

Spring Crown Tournament

Saturday, May 26, 2018

Melbourne Agricultural Society
21886 Melbourne Road, Melbourne
Hosted by the Shire of Trinovantia Nova

Pikeman's Pleasure

Keene Community Center
24 Fourth Street, Keene ON
Hosted by the Canton of Petrea Thule

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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A Few Good Men and a Few More Good Ladies



Pictured back row: His Excellency Penn, His Majesty Edward, His Highness Baldric, Sir Verenko, Master Berand. Second row: Tristan, Baron Penda, Christiana, Alienor, and Baroness Sibylla. Abscent, her Grace Adrielle

Roudly, Ealdormere participated in many battles while enjoying the good weather in Lumberton, Mississippi, including an exciting friendly combination of castle and bridges in where the Knights could "ride their horses" into the "river" and fight. There were many arrows and ballista's and arrows....did I mention arrows? The ravine battle was equally interesting with it's many flags to capture, arrow dodging, and reasonably good visibility through the trees. Field battle was hard fought, rotating from each side to ensure fairness of approach. The last day of our battles ended in rain. Did our good King go out and fight? Yes, yes he did. Lots of fun was had by all, even Alienor.... See page 7

Who's Happy Marketing?



The marketing life is a sure win for Aleksandr Bergesson, the proud new merchant of Bergesson's Bazaar. He boasts "it is the culmination of years spent scouring thrift stores, second hand shops and the internet for used items." Besides the usual wool, pottery and other SCA related items I have amassed a large and varied armoury of knives, swords, and other weapons.

The new Lord Aleksandr says "my first go as an SCA merchant went quite well. Lots of wool and pottery found new homes. There was a great deal of interest in the swords and knives I had on offer, but no sales. Still, I had a great time talking about them with everyone who stopped by my booth. I'm looking forward to the next event playing merchant." You will have the opportunity to browse Lord Aleksandr's wares at Spring Coronation where he hopes to have even more wool, more sharp and pointy things, and more of gosh knows what come April 28th, 2018?



Photo by: Graham Day, blogger of the Lost Hemisphere. Aleksandr receiving his Award of Arms at Kingdom A&S.

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 photograph of a Ramshaven location as well as clue. 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 photograph of a location in Ramshaven, please contact me, Sibylla, 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, pennandluciaatgmail.com or message me, Sibylla, on the gathering pages. We look forward to hearing your guesses. This weeks photo provided by me, Sibylla. *Winner of last editions contest was Wulfwynne of the Blackwoods: I believe The Round Table, in the Village of Guelph. I do wish I knew where the dragons live in that area so I could find one for our Great Hall in Northgeatham! A dragon head would be a wonderful addition! The door there has been in my mind for some time. I would imagine it has very generous mead stores as well as ales of all kinds for everyone to celebrate."*



Photo by: Freya Blackwood: "A place to gather and mingle with the mundane world"

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

 SPARROWHAWK LEATHER

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 Was Your Favourite Surprise Discovered at Gulf Wars?



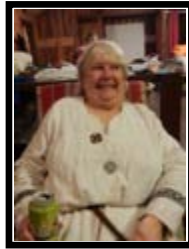
Merideth Llwellyn
(of Ben dun Firth)
"How much fun I was going to have with new friends while camping in the woods."



Tristan Galbraith
(of Ramshaven)
"surprised to see just how big the event was."



Jorgen Lennertson
(of Ben dun Firth)
"My new hat"



Catriona inghean Ragnail
(of Ramshaven)
"surprised my husband finished an A&S project." He made a crossbow



Penda of Glindmere
(of Ramshaven)
"just how excellent the pasties were at the bakery tent."

"Let the joy of new growth and warmer days bring happiness into your life"



And We Sing, Sing, Sing...

True, we were a little worried when we assembled next to the Kingdoms who stood in large numbers. Calontir being another Kingdom known for their singing, was proudly belting out their favourites, unfortunately, not the ones we knew because then we would have joined them, for certain. Then another Kingdom chimed in with their song while others listened in admiration. Then it was our turn. We warmed up with the E-Song,

Thanks to Pesha the Gypsy with her trusty song book (the rest of us forgot ours...), and beautiful voice, we sounded big and bold. Standing, Ealdormerian proud, we paraded down the dirt packed streets onward to the castle. Imagine our surprise as we marched, singing Rise to the point where it was ringing through the trees, to find that others joined in, also with great pride.



Singing by the campfire outside our cabin was also great fun.

What you do could be here if you contact your Ramshaven Chronicler

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**Laura Battista: Seneschal**

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term: May 2017 - 2019

Please remember that anyone and everyone can recommend people for awards! Your voice counts!**Christiana du Mundegumry: 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.**Alienor la fileuse : A&S Minister**

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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.**Sibylla of Glyndmere: Chronicler**

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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**Name: Guoillauc filius Branch**

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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



What Foolery or shall we say Foodery is This?



determined, on closer inspection that it indeed refer to a quantity of 13 duds.

It was noted that ladies of a certain nature do indeed love cake.

A message received from Mary indicating they were on their way back from the chirurgeon having seen to Alienor's injuries. There was much rejoicing!

A scroll of knowledge acquired from a Cookie of Fortune was read for the assemblage;



approached, his Highness, Prince Baldric and Duchess Adrielle occupying it. They expressed delight in being part of the Baronial Food Court, and their wishes for a most pleasant rest of the evening.

It was decided that a portrait of our esteemed company should be commissioned; being in the Market several people we approached for assistance. The Honorable Lady Gwenhwyfar from Meridies was kind enough to provide her portraiting skills to our cause.

There being no further business before the court their Excellencies requested that the Baronial Food Court be closed.

As heralded by Jørgen Lennertson

An account of the Baronial Food Court of Their Excellencies Ramshaven, Penn and Lucia, held at Gulf Wars on the fifteenth day of March in the fifty-second year of the Society.

Food Court was opened in the great hall, much to the joy of those assembled. All of the assembled company had acquired several tasty foods from the various vendors in the market.



"Even if you miss while aiming for the stars, you will still be in the clouds."

The lady Dawn asked their Excellencies if she could be excused early as she had other business, her request was most graciously granted.

After all in attendance had finished eating, court was prorogued and the assembled company proceeded towards the Coffee House in the market for additional beverage.

Court resumed after all in attendance had obtained whichever refreshing beverage they preferred.

A second scroll of knowledge acquired from a Cookie of Fortune was read for the assemblage; "Your ability for accomplishment will follow with success."

A call of "CAR!" range through the market as a royal carriage



It was noted that several members of our august company were absent; Alienor was being taken to the chirurgeon as she had received serious injury during the field battle earlier in the day. Both Mary and Mark were accompanying her as they had preferred parking for the royal carriage nearest to our lodging. During the dinner, Tristan Galbraith read from the scroll of the Milkduds, there was much discussion as to if the presented information referred to a single dud, or if it referenced more than one. It was



Still Smiling



Alienor's Armoured Adventures:

Written by: Alienor la Fileuse

In order to have some adventures to pay my taxes with this year, I embarked on a journey to Gulf Wars. In the fifth of five field battles, the Ealdormerian shieldwall was lined up against a unit of large Ansteorrans. We charged each other, and they won. When the battle moved on, the dead walked to the sidelines and Baroness Sibylla (who had survived but been buried by corpses) and Christiana du Mundegumry, whom was also bowled over losing only her shoe, returned to the fray.



With help, I removed (and was cut out of) my armour, and visited the medics, who informed me that I had broken my collarbone.

The next day, as I was not allowed to fight in the bridge battle, I volunteered to marshal. To my surprise, a very familiar-looking unit of large Ansteorrans lined up as the vanguard. I introduced myself and explained why I wasn't fighting. Turpin introduced himself, being very apologetic,



invited me to his camp for mead later that night. When I arrived, he presented me with a ball of lucet cord (so I could tie myself together), two bottles of blueberry mead (to sweeten up the situation), and a muddy, half-full bottle of year-old amaretto (to kill the pain).

All in all, while I hope to not get injured again, I managed to pay my taxes, make a new friend, and even pick up some free booze.

What is YOUR story? Perhaps you have been somewhere or done something wonderful? Perhaps you know of a friend, peer, or interesting stranger who has an interesting story to share? Please share with us. Pictures are great so please share those as well. Please send it to me, Sibylla, via email Tamara.pasleyatgmail.com

"Spring is the time of plans and projects."

—Leo Tolstoy



Colour me!