

The Ramshaven Herald



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Barony of Ramshaven

Deember 2018

Excellencies Ramshaven host a Successful Wassail



Wassail, a very popular event held in the Barony of Ramshaven, was accomplished with the hard work and dedication of a loving populace. This year the imaginative and diligent activities, with the helping hands of many, were lead by Her Grace Rylyn Buchanan and Christiana du Mondegomry. Of course, Our Excellencies Ramshaven softened up King Evander and Queen Marioun with a generous gift of home smoked bacon! Lots of other wonderful news was shared on the gathering pages.

Wassail for Toys!



The evil and ruthless Mayor of Wassailtown, Burgermeister, was overthrown and dragged from court on Saturday, December 1, 2018 by the hands of some really wonderful and kind hearted children who worked very hard to see that children would have plenty of good chear under the

Christmas tree this season. Thanks to the "populace" of Wassailtown and the fighters and fencers alike, they "payed" for their "lives," managing to gather over 60 toys which have been delivered to the Waterloo Warriors toy drive. Money was also given to pay for lives, a generous \$150, which has been donated to the food bank of Waterloo.

Thanks also goes out to Baron Taren for being a good sport!



Up and coming Events

Septentrian 12th Night

Saturday, January 12, 2019

St. Simon's Anglican Church 1450 Litchfield Road, Oakville

Hosted by: Eoforwic

Tournoi du Coeur de Glace

Saturday, February 2, 2019

The Knight of Columbus Hall, 57 Stella Crescent, Trenton ON

Hosted by: Shire of Bastille du Lac

Step Spritely

February 9th, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church
6945 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle,
Mississauga

Hosted by: Canton of Vest Yorvik

Practicum

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Rideau Park United Church 2203 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, ON

Hosted by: Conton of Caldrithig

Winter War

Wilfrid Jury Public School 950 Lawson Road, London

Hosted by: Shire of Trinovantia Nova

Kingdom A&S

Saturday, March 23, 2019

New Hope Church, 2360 First St. Louth, St. Catharines ON

Hosted by: Barony of Rising Waters

And so much more before the next paper comes out so please, for more information about up and coming events engage in the Ealdormere Kingdom Calendar.

www.ealdormere.ca

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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



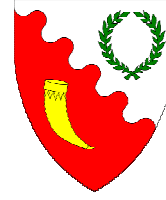
The name "Bryniau Tywynnog" (pr. BRIN'-ee-aw Te-WIN'-og) means "Sandy Hill" in Welsh. It is a name rooted in local history.

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 generally

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, Wulfwynne of the Blackwoods at northgaedhamchatelaine@gmail.com

*Your artwork here
would be rather stunning*

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Pumpkin Massacre, a Slashing Good Time



Some residents of Northgeatham enjoyed learning sword skills with actual live steel in November. It's quite different from rattan. One becomes instantly conscious of the blade direction, force required, and how it feels to slice through fleshy squash. Quite a satisfying day.



Many thanks goes out to Aleksander Bergesson for loaning us his weapon collection for the day and for teaching us what he has learned over the years.

Recognition Well Deserved and Not Without Surprise



ur Excellencies Ramshaven and Our Majesties Ealdormere took the time to recognize the time and talents The Honourable Lord Adnar Dionadair shares for the benefit of the Kingdom.



Surprised by the gifts and wonderful scroll, Adnar carried on to his usual Wassail tasks at his well stocked bar.



Not only did they present him with wonderful gifts so that he could carry on with his service to the Kingdom, They made witness to see him inducted into the Order of the Crucible. His joy of working tiny on parchment and ink has been well received and noted in Calligraphy and Illumination. Wassail!

Changing of the Bards...



Quicker than the speed of my camera shutter, Yngvildr Ádísardóttir returned the sacred bardic horn of Ramshaven to Our Excellencies. And just as quickly, they handed the position of "Bardic Champion" over to Emer ingen UÃ- ÃedÃjn. Wassail!



What you have to offer by means of resources could be here if you contact your Ramshaven Chronicler
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Athelbert can be found merchanting and teaching at various events. While his specialty remains in leatherworks, he can also be counted upon for a good pun! Visit his table for answers or:

www.facebook.com/sparrowhawkleathergoods

Illumination by: Lady sciath ingen Chaennaig

BERGESSON'S BAZAAR

Where you can get all the things you need to get your medieval on. He's got a good "pitch" when it comes to getting advice so please, ask questions!

Well, Stone the Crows!



The Shire of Trinovantia Nova gathered in the western reaches of the Kingdom this September, to meet fighters from the Midrealm for a day of melees and scavenger hunts. This was the first event organized by the Totally Unofficial Region of Trinovantia Nova Known For Reporting Purposes as Champs Des Corbeaux, and a great time was had by all! Special thanks to Ramshaven's Baron and Baroness, for providing a delicious Middle Eastern day board, and to His Excellency Penda for his help in marshalling. The Crows hope to see everyone out next year to join in the fun!

Monna Laura



Chillin' at Stone the Crows



Our Excellency rests her tired "puppies" after a long day in the kitchen at Stone the Crows. They provided an excellent sideboard themed "It's a stop on the silk road, in 13th century Baghdad."

The delightful menu:

Mishmishiya (Lamb with apricots)
Zirbaya (Chicken with almonds and rosewater)
Muzawwara (Lentils with long squash)
Isfanakh Mutajjan (Sesame garlic spinach)
Shiraz Bi-Buqul (Feta and leek salad)
Rice Pita Halva (Sesame paste squares)
Dates
Nuhud al-Adhra (Virgin's breasts aka almond cookies)

Very enjoyable! Wassail!



The
Knolly Blackwood
Sisters
*Tablet weaving, nailbinding,
and so much more!*

Merchanting and teaching at events or
Check us out on Facebook

Ramshaven is looking for applications for our next Exchequer! Responsibilities include keeping the books, quarterly reporting, and hoarding wealth. Applicants must be paid members. If you are interested, please send a letter of intent to Laura Battista, ramshavenseschal@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest!

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

**Margaret Trainor-Cook**

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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**

Email: ramshavenherald@gmail.com

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

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term: May 2017 to Present

Greetings unto the populace of Ramshaven. It has been a summer of great heat and many wonderful events. We have travelled far and wide from the East Kingdom, to Gleann Abhann in the south, to Aethelmarc, and to the Middle Kingdom, but it is always the Ramshaven events with all of our friends that we look forward to. We have asked the populace to keep the word of the year, Song, active by singing or just encouraging songs, and because of that our Bardic Champion has changed at each Ramshaven event. We have too much talent to restrict ourselves to just one! As we look forward into the winter months we hope that all will stay warm and cosy, and we console ourselves with thoughts of FOOL in the spring and the end of our second year. It seems to have been just a moment and also to have been forever at the same time and we wouldn't trade it. As always, have fun and stay safe. Yours in service, Penn and Lucia, Baron and Baroness of Ramshaven

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Ramshaven's Baronial Champions

**Rapier**
Christiana du
Mundegomry

Photo: Penda

**Armoured Combat**
Wulfric of The
Blackwood**Archery**
Wencendleof
Rokesburg**Thrown Weapons**
Ivan syn Irina**Arts and Science**
who will it be?Photo: stolen from the
internet**Bardic Arts**
Emer ingen
UÃ AedÃjn**Sheep of Ramshaven**
"Zippora and Winston"

Oh to be a Feast Cook - What an Adventure.



Photos by Christiana deMundegumri

If there is anything I know about Christiana is that she loves flowers and that she loves to make everything pretty. She never fails to amaze people when she does a feast.

What were my first memories of a medieval feast before I became a Lady? As I reflect time and time again, that moment is what inspired me to want to feed 101 people. As I recall, I could not afford to sit feast but instead volunteered to serve and was amazed as I watched the magical preparations for a coronation over 20 years past.

Lord AEfric the Kestrell graciously recruited us to help in the kitchen. He introduced us to the staff and described our task and how we could help with service.



This is a photo of one of Christina's first feast menus. She says she may have been eight or so. Not sure about the squirrel stew but I hear it is actually quite delicious!

Lady Margaret whirled around that kitchen, like a well choreographed dancer, everything perfectly timed as many wonderful smells filled the hall. We were given a quick refresher on the importance of edict and how the presentation of food should be given. She made sure we tasted every dish and confirmed we could describe what we were serving.

Little details like sugared pansies where carefully added to dishes to reaffirm we were taking part in a grand banquet. The buzz of excitement in that hall was electrifying and we witnessed people not just sitting through feast but being transported back in time to experience it. It was a beautiful thing to behold.

When I close my eyes I can imagine everything from the lowliest scullion to a royal head cook. The huntsman, master falconer and all the people who stock the larders, pantries, spiceries and cellars.

We regularly think of butchers, bakers and candlestick makers but when you dig deeper you learn a castle may even keep a professional saucerer you look up words like ewery and are fascinated by fabulously presented subtleties. Twenty years later, I am teleported to a Thursday night fight practice, where that simple question was asked by the Enabling Dutches Rylan "So do you want to cook feast for Wassail this year?" That opportunity was a pivotal point in how I chose to move forward. It gave me a chance to give back to a lot of people, I respect and who play in our wonderful hobby.

This first experience in doing something new and exciting that I admired from afar, taught me some very valuable things about myself. Including how to get an introvert more involved without adding alcohol.

Sometimes we play a bit to escape our mundane world or to have the courage to do something so different from our normal selves. It takes courage to pursue your dreams and to try new things. For me it also takes three pivotal people: one to inspire, one to enable and one to grab that opportunity and run with it.

Though I have a very long way to go, and still lots to learn, I have taken baby steps towards a much admired tradition of "the way to their hearts is through their stomachs."



Photo of the Scotch quail eggs served at the Coronation feast of Evander and Marioun.

I think a well orchestrated feast starts with a cook and ends with a food conductor who helps to direct the masterpiece.

Whether a simple dinner or something with a few more removes these treasured few, inspire and lead the future generations of feast cooks into delivering creative performances of their own.



Christiana loves to play with food. Just look at this adorable "turtle."

In your service,
Lady Christiana deMundegumri

