



# The Ramshaven Herald

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Barony of Ramshaven

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## Family Day Fight Practice



Family Day Fight Practice is held on Family Day in the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog (this year it was Monday, February 17th) to gather the fighting might from the local area to begin to practice for the coming war season. It is well-attended and draws gentlefolk from a large area to come and test their skills together. There is also a gathering of crafters in a nearby room. It's a chance to practice their art or craft in a social setting. More information about that on the next page. ~ Pictures of the bridge battles supplied by Lord Alexander the Blue



## Up and coming Events

### Break the Back of Winter

Saturday, March 7th, 2020

151 Main St, Seeley's Bay, ON

Hosted by: Stronghold of Greyfells

### Kingdom A&S

Saturday, March 28th, 2020

3955 Old Richmond Rd, Nepean, ON

Hosted by: Canton of Caldriithig

### Spring Coronation

Saturday, April 25th, 2020

2360 First St Louth, St. Catharines, ON

Hosted by: Barony of Rishing Waters

### Trinovantia Nova's Birthday Celebration

No information at date of publication

Hosted by: Trinovantia Nova

### Lady Mary Memorial Tournament

Saturday, May 9th, 2020

2360 First St. Louth, St. Catharines, ON

Hosted by: Barony of Rising Waters

### Fruits of Our Labours (FOOL)

May 15th-18th

Scouts Canada- Camp Impeesa

827559 Township Rd 8, Drumbo, ON

### Spring Crown Tournament

Saturday, May 23, 2020

435 W Front Street, Stirling, ON

Hosted by: Shire of Bastille du Lac

### Warrior's Path- Heaven's Hell

Saturday, May 30, 2020

67 Vince Jones Rd, Lindsay, ON

Hosted by: Shire of Bastille du Lac

*If you wish more information about events engage in the Ealdormere Kingdom Calendar.*

[www.ealdormere.ca](http://www.ealdormere.ca)

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### Blue Dragon Studium- A Cook's View



"Tristan Galbraith and myself got up at 5:30 to cook, and then cook some more (it was a cooking marathon), so we didn't get to any classes, but it was an adventure for us as well. Big shout out to both Dave and Mike who stepped in with backup assistance to help things go smoothly and relieve exhausted cooks. Lots and lots of snow, but people braved the weather. Fun Fact! Baron Penn and Baroness Lucia had a "Food Court" Saturday night. It included tasting strange Oreo cookies."  
 ~Pictures and text by Lady Christiana de Mundegumri

### Family Day A&S

On Feb 17th Bryniau Tywynnog held its Family Day Fight Practice. Upstairs, away from the noise and chaos of the melee, a number of good gentles met to work on a variety of artistic pursuits, from lace-making to leatherworking. A hood was constructed and sewn, a tool pouch designed and sewed, and several felt needle-books were completed, along with patterns drafted, thread woven, and cords luceted. Much fun was had by all, as the curiosity, talent, and creativity of the Canton was on display.

~Dorothea af Holm, Bryniau A&S Minister



### F.D. A&S Continued...



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# Song for the Season~ Sumer is icumen in

Sv-mer is i-cu-men in. Lhu-de sing cuc-cu. Gro-wep sed and blo-wep med and  
 springþ þe w - de nu. Sing cuc - cu. A - we ble-teþ af - ter lomb. lhouþ  
 af - ter cal - ue cu. Bul-luc ster-teþ. buc - ke uer-teþ mur - ie sing cuc-cu.  
 Cuc - cu cuc - cu wel sing-es þu cuc - cu ne swik þu na - uer nu.  
 Pes I: Sing cuc - cu nu. Sing cuc - cu.  
 Pes II: Sing cuc - cu. Sing cuc - cu nu.

'Sumer Is Icumen In', a musical composition for several voices, was probably composed at Reading Abbey around the middle of the 13th century. This song, written in Middle English, was meant to be sung in the round, with four voices singing the same melody one after the other, accompanied by two lower voices.

The song is the oldest known musical round with English words. It survives in only a single manuscript probably made in Oxford during the 3rd quarter of the 13th century. The way the song is set allows singers to choose between the Middle English lyrics, celebrating the arrival of spring, and the lyrics in Latin, which are religious. This is the earliest surviving example of a piece of music in which both secular and sacred words are written to the same piece of music. The text to the right of the page gives instructions in Latin for its performance as a round, the cross above the first line marking the point at which each of the four main voices enters.

The Middle English text includes many familiar animal names such as *cuccu* (cuckoo), *lomb* (lamb) and *cu* (cow). Famously the *bucke* (buck) is said to  *farteth*: the first record of the verb 'to fart'.



Information from: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sumer\\_is\\_icumen\\_in](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sumer_is_icumen_in)  
<https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/sumer-is-icumen-in>

More Information and to Listen: <https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/periods-genres/early-music/oldest-english-song-sumer-is-icumen-in/>

## Canton of Der Welfengau



In December of A.S 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 A.S 20.

Currently, A&S as well as meetings, rapier practice, and armoured combat are being held from 10-12 at Riverside Park by the fire station on Speedvale. Summer gatherings and practices are planned for June 16, July 7, July 21, August 18, and September 10. Please come join us!

For more information please consult [sca-guelph@yahoo.com](mailto:sca-guelph@yahoo.com) or see us on the gathering page (Facebook) Canton of Der Welfengau unofficial <https://www.facebook.com/groups/266085027122/>

Their Excellencies, Baron Penn and Baroness Lucia host:

### Craft and Gaming Day

*A monthly gathering held on the first Sunday of the month (usually)*



## 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 Edward for directions and to confirm the schedule and meeting agendas.

News and group plans are shared on the Barony of Ramshaven gathering pages (Facebook) For more information please contact Seneschal Eyrny at: [bryniau.tywynnog@gmail.com](mailto:bryniau.tywynnog@gmail.com)

### Middle Ages on the Green

*An annual event usually held on the third weekend of August,*



## 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, a bi-annual event, 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](mailto:northgaedhamchatelaine@gmail.com)

### Baron's Brouhaha

*Usually an annual event held in July or August depending on the calendar*



**Margaret Trainor-Cook**

Email: ramshavenseschal@gmail.com  
term: December 2018 - December 2020  
*If you need me, just contact me anytime.*

**Christiana du Mundegumry: Exchequer**

Email: ramshavenexchequer@gmail.com  
term: Oct 2016 - 2020  
*Have been in the counting house, counting out the money and dusting out the coffers. Happy to report that it is all there.*

**Yngvildr Ádisardóttir A&S Minister**

Email: ramshavenas@gmail.com  
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.*

**Asleif of Ramshaven: Chronicler**

Email: ramshavenchronicler@gmail.com  
term: February 2020~ 2022  
*I look forward to sharing knowledge and remembrance of times in the near and further past, and celebrating our present.*

**Wulfric of the Blackwoods: Armoured Combat Marshal**

Email: trweirmeir@gmail.com  
term: July 2016 - 2020  
*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)**

Email: webminister.ramshaven@gmail.com  
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."*



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



Email: pennandlucia@gmail.com  
term: May 2017 to Present



reetings unto the populace of  
Ramshaven,

In this the spring of the year our thoughts turn to events past and those upcoming, particularly Fruits Of Our Labours where we will begin our fourth year serving as Baron and Baroness. Our Year of Hospitality has been rewarding and we hope that all have felt welcome to join us at every event we are at, we always appreciate good conversation and company. As the days grow longer and the snows melt, we hope you will always remember to have fun and stay safe.

Yours in service,  
Penn and Lucia,  
Baron and Baroness of Ramshaven

## Ramshaven's Baronial Champions

**Rapier**

Dawn Galbraith

Photo: Cesare de  
Salvasie

**Armoured Combat**

Sibylla of Glyndmere

Photo: Dorothea of  
Holm

**Ranged**

Catriona  
inghean  
Ragnaill

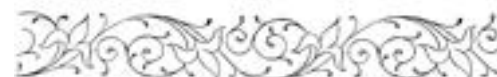
**Bardic Arts**

Guoillauc filius Branch

Photo: Dorothea of  
Holm

**Arts and Science**

who will it be?



## Colouring Page— Beowulf



Some time later, Beowulf heard of the terrible doings of Grendel, a huge, bloodthirsty monster that lived in a misty swamp or mere, in Denmark. Savage and cruel, Grendel attacked King Hrothgar's people and devoured anyone he caught.