

The Ramshaven Herald



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The Demaundes Joyous of Wynkyn de Worde

Printed in the year 1511, the Demaundes Joyous (amusing questions) by Wynkyn de Worde was the first printed joke book in England. Wynkyn apprenticed to William Caxton, the first person to run a printing press in England, around the year 1476. Wynkyn took over the business when Caxton died, and published a prolific catalogue of religious texts, romantic novels, and children's books. In total he published over 400 titles. It seems that bad jokes are eternal.

How many calves' tails would it take to reach from the earth to the sky?

No more than one, if it be long enough.

What is the distance from the surface of the sea to the deepest part thereof?

Only a stone's throw.

Why does a cow lie down?

Because it cannot sit.

Which are the most profitable saints of the church?

Those painted on the glass windows, for they keep the wind from wasting the candles.

More Information: <https://www.medievalists.net/2015/11/the-quirky-questions-of-wynkyn-de-worde/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wynkyn_de_Worde



Upcoming Online Events

Ealdormere Eats: Spice vs Spicely

Tuesday March 9, 2021

<https://www.ealdormere.ca/event-calendar.html>

New Fighter Fight Night

Wednesday March 17, 2021

Online information and instructional session hosted by His Royal Majesty Amelius Claudius Rattanicus.

<http://www.ealdormere.ca/event-calendar.html>

EAC12- Experimental Archaeology Conference

Monday March 29- Thursday April 1, 2021

This year is free thanks to some sponsors.

<https://exarc.net/meetings/eac12>

International Congress on Medieval Studies

May 10-15, 2021

Not free, but has a sliding scale, and is online this year.

<https://wmich.edu/medievalcongress/registration>

For More Events Check the Ealdormere Calendar:

<http://www.ealdormere.ca/event-calendar.html>

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Recipe for the Season~ Peas and Greens in Broth

Pottage was one of the most universal dishes in the medieval period. Almost everyone had a pot, and if they had something to put into it and a source of heat to cook it they would eat it and call it pottage. The ingredients varied by the season. In the spring, with new greens and fresh peas this would have been a common meal with some bread. Maybe some fresh cheese or butter if you had it. This particular recipe has been redacted from a 15th century manuscript called Harleian ms.279.

- 2 cups peas (fresh or frozen)
- 2 handfuls chopped greens (whatever you have handy in the garden– kale, collards, mustard, spinach)
- 1/2 an onion, cut thin
- 1 cup stock (the original says fish, but you can use whatever you like)
- Pinch of saffron (if you have it)
- Salt to taste

Start by cooking the onions and peas in broth until they are basically mush, then add in the greens. Cook it until the greens reach a consistency you like. The original recipe has you cook the peas first, then strain them to get the fibrous coating off (which isn't necessary with modern peas). You could, however, run them through a blender to make everything as smooth as possible. Also, you could par-boil the greens, then fry them in oil before adding to the soup.



Source: <http://giveitforth.blogspot.com/2015/12/harleian-ms-279-lange-wortes-depesoun.html>

For more information: <https://oakden.co.uk/harleian-manuscript-279/>

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Make Your Own Medieval Meme



Picture Source: <https://www.medievalmemes.org/>

Do Try This At Home

Grow a medieval vegetable~ Skirret:

This perennial root vegetable came originally from China, and is a cousin to the carrot. The name comes from the Dutch 'suikerwortel', meaning sugar root. Another name it is known by is 'crummock'.

They grow about 1m tall, with glossy, dark leaves and small, white flowers. The roots grow 15-25cm in length, and cluster from the base of the plant.

The roots are best harvested in the second year as they need a bit of time to develop, which is why they fell out of favour when food production became industrialized. It's hardy to gardening zone 5, so if it will survive in your area you only need to plant it once, and then can go back year after year for some interesting root vegetables with little maintenance. First year roots are more tender and can be eaten raw if desired.

More Information: <https://www.cultivariable.com/instructions/root-crops/how-to-grow-skirret/>

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/edible/vegetables/skirret/growing-skirret-vegetables.htm>

Draw a simple Celtic knot:

The beginnings of art in Ireland trace back to about 2000 BCE, and it changed dramatically over time. What most people think of as the 'typical Celtic' style developed starting around the 4th-5th centuries CE.

More Information: <https://www.doverpublications.com/zb/samples/820335/sample7b.html>

<https://mymodernmet.com/celtic-knots/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_art

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 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 Eyrmy at: 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 1 pm to 5 pm unless otherwise posted on the gathering notification page (Facebook) 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 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

Baron's Brouhaha

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





Margaret Trainor-Cook: Chatelaine
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 term: December 2018 - December 2020
If you need me, just contact me anytime.



Christiana du Mundegumry: Exchequer
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 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.



Sibylla of Glyndmere: A&S Minister
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 term: October 2019 - 2021
Arts and Sciences are strong in our barony. Please remember to share your photos and your enthusiasm on the gathering pages- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1518968168395297/>



Asleif of Ramshaven: Chronicler
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 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



Guoillauc filius Branch: Herald
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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
 Dawn Galbraith
Photo: Cesare de Salvase



Armoured Combat
 Sibylla of Glyndmere
Photo: Dorothea of Holm



Ranged
 Catriona inghean Ragnail



Bardic Arts
 Guoillauc filius Branch
Photo: Dorothea of Holm



Arts and Science
 who will it be?



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



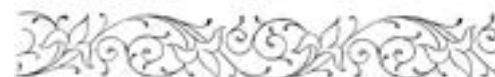
Email: pennandlucia@gmail.com
 term: May 2017 to Present



reetings unto the populace of
 Ramshaven,

As the days get longer and the treatments for the current plague get closer we can look forward out of the cold of winter and start dreaming of being able to gather in person once again. We have kept busy with online events and classes and crafts and we hope that you are all surviving as best you can, and that we'll see you in person before too long. Our word of this year is Connection and it has been a good word, we look forward to FOOL (if distanced) which will be the end of our fourth year as Baron and Baroness, when we'll choose a new word and look forward to the year ahead. We hope to see as many of you as possible there. In all our socially distanced places, we hope you will always remember to have fun and stay safe.

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



Colouring Page— Take Thy Electuary, Fool Beaste!

