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Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain

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June Baronial Meeting

June 12, 2017 JoAnn Fabric, Newington, CT

Attendees: Elizabeth, Aurelia, Leandra, Gwenllian, Mark, Quinton, Dorigen, Gwilym, Alys, Johanna, Grimolfr, Aelfgifu, Carllein. Eloise

Upcoming meetings:

August 21: TBD - Aurelia will look into the mason's hall in Manchester

September: TBD

*Seneschal: (Felix) - We have been served with a subpoena in connection with the Youth Fencing practice in Colchester. It has been forwarded to Kingdom and they are handling it.

Election: the live Q&A forum will be at Leandra's house on Sunday, 6/25.People may arrive @1:30, questions start at 2:00.Potluck, bring a chair. Update 6/25 – despite the weather, it went very well. Thanks to Leandra for chairing. Election: the online Q&A is up and running. Send questions to the seneschal, Elizabeth or the Baroness, and they will post them for the candidates to answer.

Election next steps: Elizabeth has sent an email to the regional polling deputy to finalize our ballot with kingdom, and also asked about labels – we're still on track to send out ballots at the end of July or just after Pennsic. The barony will have 30-45 days to respond to them once received.

Election candidate conduct: in light of recent conversations, Aelfgifu has proposed that we discuss adding to the election procedures our expectations of candidate conduct. This is the first baronial election in the full social media age, and laying out rules for conduct will assist

the election officers the *next* time an election is run. Feedback on that as well as any other aspects of the election procedure should be sent to the seneschal so that we have more complete documentation for the future.

Felix has reached a resolution with the Colchester church, and we do NOT owe them an additional \$300.

Status of the key deposit for Colchester: sometime in the next week to week and a half, we should be getting a check for some amount. There is still some question of whether or not we owe money for dates that were used but which were not under contract. Felix will work with Grimolfr to go over dates and contracts.

*Exchequer: (Ciara) -May ending balance is \$13,493.40.

The check from the Sheep and Wool demo has been deposited.

A check was written to cover the purchase order with Hall's for the new archery backstop. Update: the backstop was purchased and appeared at Solstice Shoot.

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Combat Arts

NOTE: Practices are subject to change without notice. Please call ahead.

Archery

CT: BBM – The former Canton of Fennbrycg archery practice: By appointment Sundays, 3-5 at the Norwich Archery Club. Contact Siobhan 860-859-2773.

CT: BBM - Bowman's Rest: Tuesdays – 5:30 p.m. Burlington, CT - Dorigen & Eloise's at 17 Bittersweet Lane, Burlington, CT. Contact Dorigen at 860-673-2240.

CT: Dragonship Haven: Sundays 12-3 pm (in season, weather permitting) Oxford, CT. DragonshipHaven@yahoogroups.com

MA: Carolingia – Carlisle, MA: Sundays from 10 am to 1 pm - Archery practice runs year round, by Master Peter the Red, at his home at 94 Laurelwood Drive, Carlisle, MA. All are welcome and loaner equipment is available. Contact Peter at

peter.carmichael@comcast.net or call 978-287-0808.

MA: Quintavia - (Worcester County; Central Mass): Sunday from 1-3 pm weather permitting. Rozi and Brokk's, 472 Gleasondale Road, Stow, MA.

MA: Smoking Rocks - Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm and Fridays 6-8 pm — Trader Jan's, 288 Plymouth Avenue, Fall River, MA. Lane fee is \$8. Loaner gear is available.

RI: Tobyn's practice: Practice is open by appointment. Website has current information: www.baronyofthebridge.eastkingdom.org. Contact Tobyn 401-741-9130 or Radagast 401-741-9067.





Sundays, 1-3 pm – 29 Florida Road, East Haddam, CT – Adult rapier only – Contact Grimolfr at 860-682-2526.

Mondays, 7-9 p.m. at Mary Elizabeth McGrath Educational Center, 130 Elm Street, Millbury, MA (Quintavia).

Thursdays, 7:30-10:00 p.m., Keefe Community Center, Hamden, CT (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Fencing Marshal (Christophel) @ fence@dragonshiphaven. eastkingdom.org.

Heavy-List Fighting

Tuesdays, 7-10 pm, Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact: Áine at ainethefearless@gmail.com Wednesdays, 7 pm, Barony of Bergental at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, MA. Contact Knight Marshall of Barony of Bergental for more information. Thursdays, 8-10 p.m., Keefe Community Center, Hamden, CT, hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the marshal at heavy@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

Thrown Weapons Practice

Saturdays, 9-12 Aschehyrst, 258 Edgell Rd, Framingham, MA. Contact Symon of Barnesdale, thrown-weapons-marshal@carolingia.eastkingdom.org

Youth Fighter Practice

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact Aine at ainethefearless@gmail.com

Canton Seneschal:

Ravenhill – *Michael Christian Longstryde, michael.seneschal@yahoo.com*

Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Jonathan Buchanon

Fencing Champion: Sir Arnwult Aethelreding

Heavy Weapons Champion: Lord Mark the Red

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Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Rumhann

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Meetings:

Baronial: No meeting in July. Next meeting is August 21, 2017 location to be determined. Contact Seneschal Marcus Allectius Felix, Seneschal@bbm. eastkingdom.org

Newcomers Meeting: *TBD*



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Arts & Science

Middle-Eastern Dance

Sundays, 1-4 p.m., Authur Murray Dance Studio, Glen Lochen Marketplace, 39 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT. Contact Mistress Su'ad (Nancy Barrett) at 860-228-6933 (before 10 p.m.); nancysuad@gmail.com.

Dance

First Tuesday of month – 7:30-9:30 pm - Camelot Co-Housing 46 Sawyer Hill Rd. Berlin, MA (Quintavia)

Minister of Arts & Sciences Needed!

Having served the Barony for a term as our Minister of Arts & Sciences, Lady Alys du Blois is stepping down from the position. MoAS is a position required to maintain baronial status. Anyone who is interested should send an email to the Seneschal and Baron/ess at seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org, baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org, and baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org. Candidates will be announced in the July newsletter. Due to the lack of a July meeting, a vote on the candidates will be taken at the August meeting.

Many thanks to Lady Alys for her service.

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Vote taken to change to People's Bank: All present voted in favor. None opposed. Determination of signatories: the meeting approved maintaining our current list of signatories: Anne Akin, Susan Scoville, William Davis, Joseph Katterman, Terry Neill, and the East Kingdom Treasurer

(currently Penny Supina.)

We will vote in August.

*Chatelaine:(Gwenllian) - See Demos

We have had contact from a couple of new people: some from the ren faire demo, some referred from kingdom, some direct contact.

We have had a request for a demo at a maker's fair in Ledyard on July 22 from 11am to 3pm. Garb will be optional. Gwenllian will assess if there is sufficient interest to participate.

*Herald: (Camma) - Nothing to report

*Rapier: (Grimolfr) - The loaner gear request is on hiatus because it was for the youth practice.

*Knight Marshal: (Angus) - Practice continues on Tuesdays. We have a bunch of new fighters coming in from ACL.

*Minister of the Lists: (Mark) - Nothing new to report *Arts & Sciences: (Alys) - Two candidates are interested in the office: Becky and Aurelia. Eloise will put them in touch with each other. Alys will stay in the office until someone has been selected to step up.

Alys sent a requests for classes at Solstice Shoot to various groups; received one response from Severin. *Chronicler: (Johanna) - Needs content for the newsletter.

*Web Minister: (Sisuile) - The OP is up and functional. The awards from Yule are not included, but will be updated after Solstice Shoot so that both courts can be entered simultaneously.

The online Q&A is up and running. This appears to be the first time a group has done anything of this sort for their election, so many wheels had to be invented. BBM is apparently "innovative" in our website features. *Captain of Archers: (Rumhann) - We have 1.5 archery practices (Burlington and by appointment in Bozrah.) There will be shooting at the event.

*Ravenhill: (Michael) - Ravenhill's branch status has been suspended by the Kingdom for failure to report.

*Baron and Baroness: (Dorigen and Eloise) - Pennsic is approaching and there are a few things that we will need people to assist with.

Opening Ceremonies: Saturday, August 5
Opening Ceremonies is once again on Saturday
evening, because presumably they hate dinner. We are
asking that the barony members who are at Pennsic
please support the barony by carving out some time to
process with us. We will have more information on time
and muster points as we get closer to Pennsic. Watch
the email list and FB page for more details.
East Kingdom Court: Wednesday, August 9 - We don't
yet know if Their Majesties will ask the Landed Baronage
to sit in court with them at Pennsic. If they do, we will

need assistance transporting the baronial equipment up to the tent prior to court, and then back to our camp after court. I know that Wednesday is difficult, given that it is midnight madness, but for the last five years An Dubhaigeainn has been wrangling our chairs, and it would be nice if our own barony could help out. Watch the email list and FB page for more details. Runnymede dinner: we may ask a few people to process to the Runnymede dinner with us. We'll be in touch if we need it.

OLD BUSINESS

Fencing practice loaner gear*: this request has been put on hiatus, as it was intended for the youth practice.

Events:

*Summer Solstice Shoot, June 17, 2017: - Summary - Everyone had fun, no one died.

*Artifacts of a Life, September 30, 2017: - Summary - Elizabeth is steward - Sisuile is running day board Site costs \$725. That includes the gym and kitchen. We have access from noon on Friday to midnight on Saturday.

Site fee is \$10. The breakeven point for the hall is 73 attendees. We have averaged 100-110 in the past. Dayboard will be a separate \$5 fee, which can be purchased that day. We will plan to cook for 75. Judges eat free as a thank you for their time and service. Elizabeth and Jehan are working on some tweaks to the rules, and then Elizabeth and Eloise will do some more promotion.

*Yule, December 2, 2017: Summary - Ciara has volunteered to steward, Mark will deputy; Elizabeth is cooking feast; Sisuile is cooking day board; Fees: 17 and under free, \$10 adults - \$2 is dayboard, \$12 feast; 200 for dayboard, 88 for feast (including head table).

Heavy champions will happen at Yule.

We have invited TRH

We will look further into the possibility of having thrown weapons

*Hrim Schola, Proposed for March 24, 2018 - Summary Anarra will steward; Ana Ilevna is organizing classes. We will donate approximately \$300 to the site. Update 6/26: DSH is onboard, and Tristan and Alfwyn have volunteered to be their stewards.
*Golden Seamstress, possibly April 12, 2018: We're not in conflict with Bergental for the date *Investiture, 2018 - Site. We have reserved New Britain for May 19, 2018. We are on the calendar.

Demos:

*Middlefield Church, May 17 - The church loved us, and we had a lot of fun.

*Big E, August 16 - Aelfgifu will follow up on the paperwork. Update 6/15 – we're good to go.
*Berlin, CT - *Status of zip code 06037 and 06023:
Mercedes says that it is assigned to us, although it is not currently shown on the online zip code list. Eloise will send an email for written confirmation.

NEW BUSINESS

- *The baronial kitchen has finally run out of ziplocks proposal to buy some more.
- *Proposal to reimburse Gwilym for targets
- *Grimofr and Khazariyya will hold a bardic night July 15

A writ of manorial privilege was given to Lady Sisuile Buitiler at Summer Solstice Shoot:

To the occupiers, farmers or collectors for the time being of the subsidies, almages and forfeitures of cloths in Fennbrycg. Order to create Sisuile Buitiler a yeoman berner on foot of the office of the baron's hounds in the manor of rockville, and to pay her 2d a day during the term of Dorigen and Eloise, Baron and Baroness Beyond the Mountain for her wages and to pay her for the keeping and feeding of said hounds of the baron in that office during their lives 3/4d a day for every hound to be paid at Michaelmas and Easter, all to be taken of the subsidies, almages and forfeitures aforesaid. June 17, anno societatis 52.

Archaeology News

http://www.archaeology.org/news/

6/28/17 - MEDIEVAL ABBEY WALL UNEARTHED IN ENGLAND - EVESHAM, ENGLAND—Archaeologists have unearthed the remains of a fourteenth-century abbey wall in the West Midlands of England, reports the Evesham Observer. The wall was built on the orders of Abbot William de Chyryton between 1317 and 1344 to mark the boundary between lands held by Evesham Abbey and the nearby town. The archaeologists also discovered pieces of an unusually decorated medieval cooking pot, along with the surface of a Roman road or yard. The latter find suggests the Anglo-Saxon settlement that became the medieval town of Evesham was founded on the site of an earlier Roman-era site. To read indepth about medieval English churches, go to "Writing on the Church Wall." https://eveshamobserver.co.uk/news/section-ofhistoric-wall-dubbed-great-wall-of-evesham-by-archaeologistsdiscovered-on-construction-site/

6/27/17 - FACE OF 500-YEAR-OLD DUBLIN MAN RECONSTRUCTED - DUBLIN, IRELAND—Archaeologists have used the remarkably well-preserved skull of a young Dubliner, who died during the Tudor period (1485-1603), to reconstruct the man's face using 3-D digital technology. The Irish Times reports that the man's skeleton, which was found in 2014 during construction to extend Dublin's light rail system, indicates that he was in his late 20s or early 30s at the time of death and likely spent his whole life in Dublin under conditions of poverty and hard labor. According to Rónán Swan, an architect with Transportation Infrastructure Ireland, the remains of approximately 5,000 individuals have turned up during road and rail excavations in Ireland, but few have been intact

enough to allow for reconstruction. To read more about facial reconstruction, go to "Neolithic

FaceTime." https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irishnews/revealed-the-face-of-an-unknown-dubliner-who-died-500vears-ago-1.3131593

6/27/17 - DNA SUGGESTS MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN **DIVERSITY** - BOLOGNA, ITALY—A study of populations from around the Mediterranean that combines ancient DNA (aDNA) and genomic analysis of modern people evidences a divison between Greeks hailing from the country's mainland and those from its islands. According to a report in Haaretz, an Italian team from the University of Bologna looked at 23 populations from around the region in order to map their genetic relationship and found that modern continental Greeks. especially in the north, show more genetic similarity with Albanians as well as Slavic peoples, while Greek islanders show more affinity with southern Italians and Sicilians. Because all of the populations tested shared a genetic inheritance from Neolithic farming populations, the team believes it will be possible to point to historic migrations documented in the written record to determine when genetic shifts such as the one in Greece began to occur. To read more about ancient DNA, go to "Worlds Within Us." http://www.haaretz.com/archaeology/1.798089

6/27/17 - EARLY CHURCH UNCOVERED ON HOLY ISLAND **OF LINDISFARNE** - NEWCASTLE, ENGLAND—The remains of what may be among the oldest Anglo-Saxon churches in Northumbria have been discovered on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, according to a report from Chronicle Live. An excavation led by Richard Carlton of Newcastle University has uncovered sandstone blocks that are around three feet long, foundations that measure more than three feet wide, what appears to be an altar base, and the division between the church's nave and chancel. The church was located on the Heugh, a ridge on the island offering a vantage on Bamburgh, where the Northumbrians had their royal capital. The church is thought to date to between A.D. 630 and 1050, most likely on the earlier end of the span, and may have been built on the same site where St. Aidan raised a wooden church in A.D. 635. "There are not many churches of potentially the seventh or eighth Centuries known in medieval Northumbria, which stretched from the Humber to the Forth," said Carlton. "It adds another chapter to the history of Holy Island." To read in-depth about the Northumbrians' royal seat at Bamburgh, go to "Letter from England: Stronghold of the Kings in the North.' http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/first-newchurch-found-holy-13241445

6/23/17 - VIKING AGE PIT MAY HAVE BEEN RURAL PRIVY VORDINGBORG, DENMARK—Science Nordic reports that archaeologists looking for pit houses on the southeast coast of the island of Zealand discovered what may be a Viking Age privy. The pit contained a layer of sediment containing a high concentration of fly pupae and pollen typically found in honey or mead. A lack of airborne pollen indicates that the hole had been covered. "We know about privy buildings inside cities in the latter part of the Viking Age and the early Middle Ages, but not from agrarian settlements and farms," said Anna Beck of the Museum of Southeast Denmark. Researchers had assumed that people used their waste, along with that of their animals, to fertilize their fields. Beck suggests that many pits found in excavations at rural Viking sites may actually be privies that were overlooked because the human waste had decomposed, which is not always the case in urban privies. Beck also found two postholes on either side of the pit that may have been part of a small building. Critics of the idea think the waste could have landed in the hole through other means. For more, go to "Hoards of the Vikings."

http://sciencenordic.com/1000-year-old-viking-toilet-uncovereddenmark

6/20/17 - 900-YEAR-OLD JEWELRY UNEARTHED IN CENTRAL ISRAEL - MODIIN-MACCABIM-RE'UT, ISRAEL-The Times of Israel reports that more than 2.500 volunteers and students from the fourth through twelfth grades have assisted the Israel Antiquities Authority with the excavation of a Crusader fortress tower at Givat Tittora, a strategically located hilltop site in central Israel. Excavation director Avraham Tendler said that many pieces of jewelry have been uncovered in the tower's inner courtyard, where clay ovens, cooking pots, jars, serving dishes, a table, olive pits, grains, charred grape pips, and animal bones were also found. Tendler explained that over a period of hundreds of years, working women probably lost the jewelry, which includes rings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and hair pins. The site will eventually become part of a nature park. To read about another discovery in Israel, go to "Byzantine Riches."

http://www.timesofisrael.com/school-pupils-help-find-900-year-old-crusader-jewelry-trove/

6/19/17 - MEDIEVAL SWORD RECOVERED IN POLAND -HRUBIESZÓW, POLAND—Science & Scholarship in Poland reports that a medieval sword was recovered from a peat bog in southeast Poland and donated to the Fr. Stanislaw Staszic Museum. The well-balanced weapon measures almost four feet long and is only missing the padding on its twohanded hilt, which was probably covered with wood, bone, or antler. An isosceles cross in a heraldic shield on the rear bar of the sword may have been the blacksmith's maker's mark. Conservators will look for additional marks on the blade. According to museum director Bartlomiej Bartecki, archaeologists will investigate the site where the sword was found to look for possible clues as to how it landed in the bog. Did a knight lose his weapon, or are his remains and the rest of his equipment still in the ground? "This is a unique find in the region," Bartecki said. "It's worth pointing out that while there are similar artifacts in museum collections, their place of discovery is often unknown, and that is very important information for historians and archaeologists." The sword will be conserved in Warsaw and eventually returned to the Fr. Stanislaw Staszic Museum. For more, go to "Off the Grid: Krakow, Poland."

http://scienceinpoland.pap.pl/en/news/news,414626,lubelskie-medieval-sword-discovered-at-a-peat-bog.html

6/15/17 - VIKING-AGE BURIALS DISCOVERED IN NORTHERN ICELAND - PORT OF DYSNES, ICELAND—Iceland Magazine reports that four Viking-era burials have been discovered at Eyjafjörður fjord in North Iceland. Two of the intact burials, which date to the ninth or tenth centuries, appear to have been placed in a line. They both contain boats, but one of them has been badly damaged by ocean erosion and half of its boat is missing. Archaeologists led by Hildur Gestsdóttir recovered human bones, a Viking sword, and dog teeth from the grave. The second boat burial is also thought to contain the remains of a Viking chief who was buried with his dog and his sword. For more, go to "Hoards of the Vikings." http://www.archaeology.org/news/5662-170615-iceland-boat-burials

6/13/17 - 14TH-CENTURY ABBEY WALL UNEARTHED IN SOUTHEASTERN ENGLAND - CANTERBURY, ENGLAND—Kent News reports that the footings of a fourteenth-century wall have been found on a construction site at the North Holmes campus of Canterbury Christ Church University. The structure is thought to have been a precinct wall of St. Augustine's Abbey, a Benedictine monastery founded in A.D. 598, dissolved during the sixteenth-century English reformation, and dismantled in the nineteenth century. A section of the wall will be preserved under glass in the reception area of the new

building. For more, go to "Legends of Glastonbury Abbey." http://www.kentnews.co.uk/news/archaeological-excavation-incanterbury-uncovers-14th-century-abbey-precinct-wall-1-5060380

6/12/17 - PIT CONTAINING CAT BONES UNEARTHED IN SPAIN - BARCELONA, SPAIN—Possible evidence for the medieval trade in cat fur has been uncovered at a site in eastern Spain, according to a report in Live Science. Some 900 domestic cat bones were discovered in a pit where crops may have been stored at the farming site of El Bordellet. The bones' cut marks and fractures are consistent with what has been found in skinning experiments. Most of the bones are from cats between the ages of nine and 20 months at the time of death, likely because the animals would have been large. but their coats still relatively undamaged. Zooarchaeologist Lluis Lloveras of the University of Barcelona said cat fur was widely used during the Middle Ages in northern Europe to make coats, collars, and sleeves. "Some texts also make reference to the healing qualities of cat skin, but also to its possible harmfulness." he said. Domestic cat fur was less valuable than the fur of wild cats, he added, and was worn by the less wealthy, and austere social groups, such as nuns. Lloveras also notes, however, that a horse skull, a goat horn, and a chicken eggshell were found alongside the cat bones. "All these particular animal remains have been associated with ritual practices in the Middle Ages as well as in later times," he said. For more on cat remains in the archaeological record, go to "Baby Bobcat." https://www.livescience.com/59443medieval-farmers-skinned-cats.html

Dayboard Thanks!

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the dayboard at Summer Solstice Shoot, especially my co-cook, Lady Alys du Bois. Master Tristan spent a day teaching us how to make the handpies and Izzy saved the day when she got the convection ovens working and then stayed to help. Also thanks to all who helped carry supplies and equipment in and out of the kitchen and those who delivered the food to the outside stations. Many hands make a big difference.

Lady Johanna de Glastingburi



Congratulations to the following gentles who received awards at Summer Solstice Shoot:

Baron Angus Gove MacKinnon: Order of the Defenders of the White Oak

Mistress Ciara MacRobbie: Order of the Defenders of the White Oak

> Mistress Camma Andaraich: Order of the Holly

Royal court documents were presented to:

Erzsebet Csesztvei: Award of Arms, Gregor & Kiena

Gwilym of Fflint: Apollo's Arrow, lonnes & Honig



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