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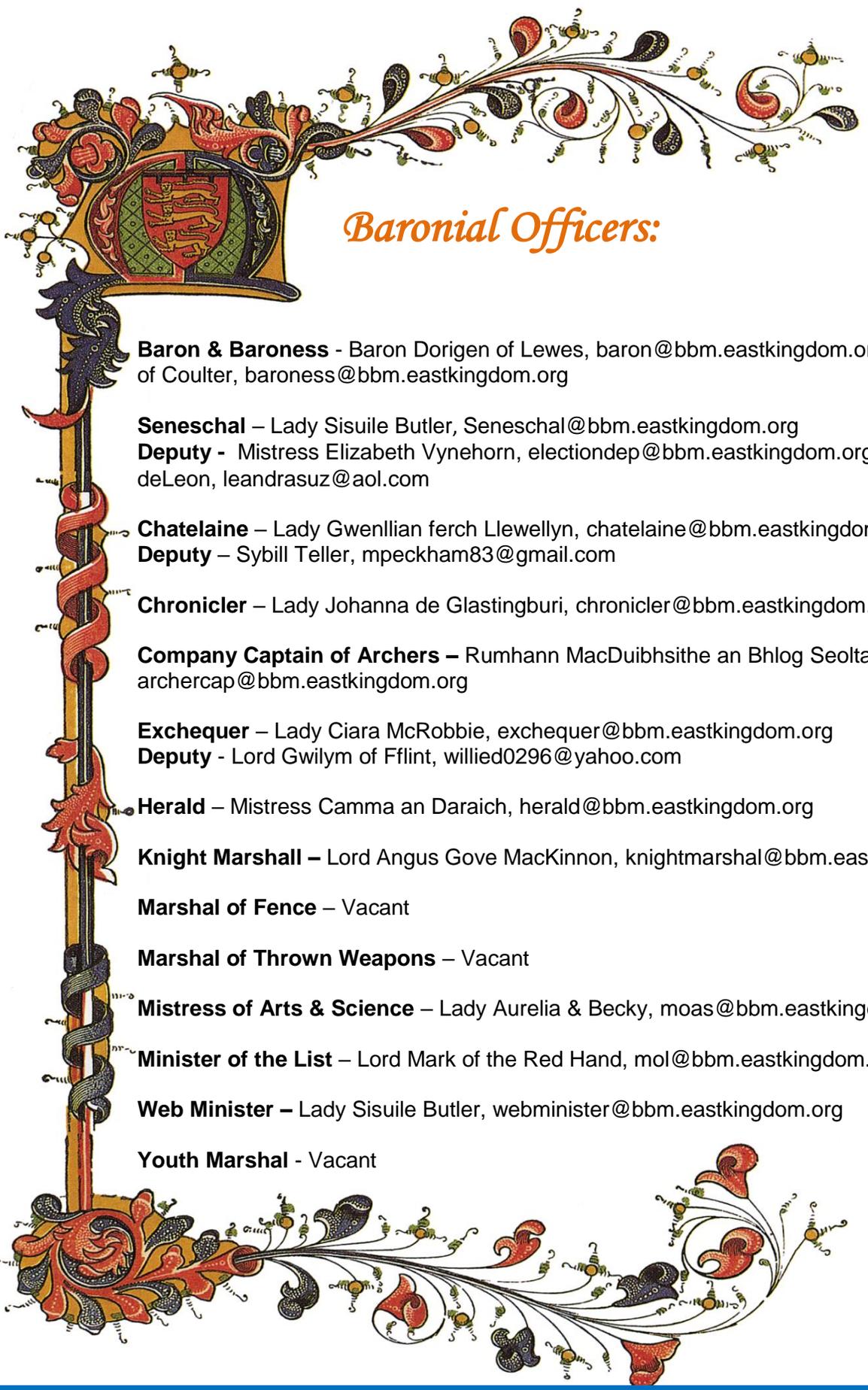
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The Amazing Castle™ and the Avon Library Demonstration

It's not often that you can write about that near perfect demo, but that's what happened at the Avon Public Library on Saturday, March 3rd. The Avon Library is currently hosting an exhibit called The Amazing Castle™. The exhibit is an interactive medieval village that includes a tailor shop, blacksmith shop, woodworker shop and a great hall with a kitchen. There is also a garden that supplies veggies for the kitchen. Each area of the castle has hands-on items for kids to use as well as clothes for dress-up. The Minnesota Children's Museum created the exhibit more than 10 years ago; it has been traveling around the country visiting museums and other locations ever since. Avon is the first public library to host it in the children's room.



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Combat Arts

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

Archery

CT: BBM - 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

Fencing

Thursdays, 7:30-10:00 p.m., Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Fencing Marshal (Christophel) @ fence@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

Heavy-List Fighting

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, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT, hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the marshal at heavy@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

Thrown Weapons Practice

1st & 3rd Sunday, 64 Orchard St, Vernon, CT. Contact sisuile@gmail.com for times.

Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Vacant

Fencing Champion: Sir Arnwult Aethelreding

Heavy Weapons Champion: Lord Gwilym of Fflint

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Rumhann MacDuibhsithe an Bhlog Seolta

Baronial Meetings:

Next meeting is Monday, April 16, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. at Joann's Fabric, Newington, CT. Contact Lady Sisule Butler, Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org

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 – 8:30-10:30 pm - Camelot Co-Housing 46 Sawyer Hill Rd. Berlin, MA (Quintavia)

Sewing

Sewing & Throwing is the 3rd Sunday, bring your string-based projects, hang out, throw sharp objects at wood. 64 Orchard St, Vernon, CT. Contact sisuile@gmail.com for times.

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So, with the castle as the perfect setting, what better place to offer a demo? Kari Ann St. Jean, Director of Children & Teen Services for the library was contacted by Mistress Camma and given a quick introduction to the SCA. After exchanging information about the castle and the SCA, Ms. St. Jean invited us to give a demonstration. The date chosen didn't conflict with any major events in our area and was also in conjunction with an open house for The Friends of the Library and a previously scheduled magic show.



With the date set, info given at the February Baronial meeting and everyone hoping the weather co-operated, the demo was a go. Saturday came, the weather was clear and the power was on. The library opened at 10, by the time the library closed at 5, a total of 17 Scadians had come to display and demonstrate the crafts of the middle ages. Among the displays were spinning, embroidery, leatherwork, pewter casting, sewing, weaving, chainmail, various cording techniques and butter churning. Kids got to make yarn dolls, weave book marks and go home with a leather keychain with a rune letter stamped on it.

The participants enhanced the castle displays beautifully; Severin sat next to the tailor shop working on a shirt, with Anarra and Anna Ilevna sitting across him with a table full of raw wool and finished items. Next to them was Eloise on the loom and Johanna doing embroidery. Johanna also had beginner embroidery samples for the kids to try and take home. Cormac manned the woodworker's

shop, answering kids' questions and helping them put together the chair and bench from the display. Camma did leatherwork next to the woodworking. Over at the blacksmith's shop, Mark and Rumhann set up their armor for display and their work tables to make chain mail. Randall brought supplies to make braided bookmarks or wool yarn dolls. Charlotte and Francesca helped at various spots, including re-setting the vegetable garden whenever too many of the veggies got 'harvested' by the kids. Carlien showed how to use a lucet and Dorian, Leandra and Gwenllian answered whatever questions came their way. And in the kitchen, Aurelia brought a small table-top butter churn for people to try. It was a wonderful demo and the perfect venue to show what we do and help The Amazing Castle™ come alive.

Everyone had a great time, with the librarians having even more fun than the scadians. So much fun that invited we were to come back. Invitation accepted! The next demo will be on Saturday, April 14th. The Amazing Castle™ leaves the library on May 12th. The next stop is Atlanta, GA.

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Barony Beyond the Mountain Investiture

**May 19, 2018
New Britain, CT**

Join us on May 19, 2018 as we invest our new Baron and Baroness at the HSC Community Center, 370 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, CT

Note the site will be open for set-up from Noon, Friday the 18th to 8 p.m. and from 7:00 a.m. Saturday the 19th. Tear-down ends at Midnight Saturday (Or, hopefully, MUCH earlier!)

Site is damp. Beer, wine, mead or champagne ONLY. No spirits or spirit-based cordials are allowed on site.

No smoking or vaping on site. Not even in the parking lot. You must go outside the fence to smoke or vape.

No animals are allowed on site except Service Animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (guide dogs, signal dogs, or other animals individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability).

Site Open: 9:00 am to 9:00 p.m.

Registration: Adult:\$15.00, \$5 discount with proof of SCA membership; Youth:17 and under- Free. Canadians may reserve via e-mail and pay on site.

Feast: \$10 per person; Limited to 88 seats. No discount for age. Deadline for reservation May 5th. Canadians may reserve via e-mail and pay on site.

Make Checks Payable to: Barony Beyond the Mountain, SCA Inc.

Event Steward: Baroness Aurelia Stellari, (Cheryl Grieco), Cheryl_grieco@msn.com, 860-874-7993. No calls after 9 pm please

Send Reservations to: Joseph Grieco, 68 Parker St, Manchester CT, 06042, ormac_east@yahoo.com, Phone: 860-716-2788. No calls after 9 pm please

Other Contact Information:

Merchants may contact: Mesterinde Anarra Karlsdottir, OL, (Terry Neill), t_neill@hotmail.com, (860) 223-6843 (please do not call after 9:00)

For Dietary concerns/Questions please contact: DayBoard - Severin (Larry Laudenslager), Larry.laudenslager@att.net

Feast - Sisule Butler,
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Archaeology News

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

3/28/18 - MEDIEVAL ITALIAN GRAVE REVEALS COFFIN BIRTH - IMOLA, ITALY—According to a report in *Live Science*, archaeologists have analyzed the 1,300-year-old remains—initially discovered in 2010—of a woman who posthumously gave birth to a stillborn fetus in the grave. Rarely discovered archaeologically, coffin births refer to the expulsion of a fetus after death and are caused by the build-up of gas pressure from the decomposition of a pregnant woman's body. Skeletal evidence shows signs that before her death, the interred underwent a primitive medieval brain surgery called trepanation, which involves drilling into the patient's skull to relieve pressure. Archaeologists speculate that, in this case, the procedure was intended to treat preeclampsia or eclampsia. To read more about medieval Italy, go to "Fifteen Centuries of Life in Chianti." <https://www.livescience.com/62125-medieval-mother-coffin-birth-trepanation.html>



The study indicates the lava flowed from the spring of A.D. 939 through the autumn of 940. These dates also correspond with records of haze, cold summers, and food shortages in Europe. Oppenheimer says the dates indicate that some of Iceland's first settlers, and perhaps two generations of their descendants, may have witnessed and survived the cataclysm, and eventually translated their experiences, including the ensuing devastation and famine, into the *Voluspá*, a poem written around A.D. 961. It describes a volcanic eruption and meteorological events signifying the end of the island's pagan gods and is credited with paving the way for the Christianization of Iceland. To read more about archaeology in Iceland, go to "The Blackener's Cave."

<https://www.livescience.com/62069-iceland-volcano-christianity.html>



5/23/18 - MEDIEVAL SETTLEMENT UNEARTHED IN DUBLIN - DUBLIN, IRELAND

—According to a report in *The Journal* a well-preserved settlement dating to the twelfth century has been found at a construction site in Dublin by archaeologists from Aisling Collins Archaeology Services. The site consists of dwellings, complete with gardens, cobbled stones, and smaller outbuildings where animals were probably housed. The excavation team recovered leather shoes, a wooden spoon and bowl, a copper alloy key, and a piece of slate inscribed with two birds and a picture of a figure riding a horse and carrying a shield and sword. They also unearthed items dating to the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, including jug handles and evidence of a pit thought to have been used to tan hides. The artifacts will be housed in the National Museum of Ireland. To read about recent discoveries made in Cork, go to "Irish Vikings." <http://www.thejournal.ie/12th-century-graffiti-art-uncovered-as-part-of-medieval-discovery-in-dublins-coombe-3918137-Mar2018/>

3/20/18 - ICELAND ICE CORES DATE MEDIEVAL VOLCANO - CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND

—According to a *Live Science* report, researchers led by volcanologist Clive Oppenheimer of the University of Cambridge examined ice cores and tree ring data from Iceland, in order to calculate precise dates for the medieval eruption of the Eldgjá volcano, and determine whether the massive lava flood and sulphurous gases emitted by the eruption could have been witnessed by the Viking and Celtic migrants who settled Iceland in A.D. 874.

3/19/18 - 1,000-YEAR-OLD CATHEDRAL FOUNDATIONS UNCOVERED IN ENGLAND - HERTFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

—*BBC News* reports that the foundations of the original A.D. 1077 apse were uncovered at St. Albans Cathedral under just three feet of soil. "One of our major aims was to confirm its presence and confirm the abbey was one of the early Norman cathedrals," said Ross Lane, director of the excavation for the Canterbury Archaeological Trust. The excavation also uncovered approximately 20 graves dating to the eleventh and twelfth centuries. "They are clustered close to the walls in tile-lined tombs," Lane said. The people in the graves are

thought to have either lived in the abbey or been its benefactors in order to have received such honored burial spots. A new visitor center will be built on the site. To read about graffiti in medieval English churches, go to "Letter From England: Writing on the Church Wall." <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-43314886>



3/8/18 - LIVES OF OXFORD'S MEDIEVAL STUDENTS REVEALED - OXFORD, ENGLAND—

The Independent reports that artifacts dating back 700 years offer a window into the lives of students at a medieval Franciscan friary. The excavation recovered writing implements, such as quills, styluses, a rare pencil made of lead, parchment pricklers, and vellum scissors; cutlery with iron blades and bone and wood handles; iron spoons, beer mugs, jugs, and Spanish amphoras that likely held imported wine; oil lamps, bronze book marks, and a clasp from a thirteenth-century book; and a wooden ball thought to have been used to play games. Food remains suggest the students and teachers ate pottages of vegetables and wheat, barley, oats, and rye; and beef, lamb, goose, salmon, trout, herring, eel, oysters, mussels, nuts, and eggs. Glass bottles thought to have been used for collecting urine for medical examination were also found, along with a small wooden bowl that may have been used for bloodletting. Christian religious objects include a pilgrim badge from a visit to Thomas Becket's tomb in Canterbury, a pendant depicting the crucifixion, and tiny containers that may have held sacramental oil. For more, go to "The Curse of a Medieval English Well." <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/archaeology/oxford-university-archaeology-dig-secrets-medieval-beer-mugs-students-a8239266.html>

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3/1/18 - 15TH-CENTURY COIN CACHE FOUND IN THE NETHERLANDS - VIANEN, NETHERLANDS—

The Netherlands Times reports that a cache of fifteenth-century coins was discovered during construction work in the central Netherlands. The collection of 12 gold and hundreds of silver coins was found in a glazed earthenware cooking pot. Fabric in the pot suggests the coins had been placed in textile bags or wrapped in cloth. The coins bear images of King Henry VI of England, Bishop of Utrecht David of Burgundy, and Pope Paul II. For more on archaeology in the Netherlands, go to "Letter From Rotterdam: The City and the Sea." <https://nltimes.nl/2018/03/01/15th-century-pot-god-found-excavation-near-dutch-city>





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