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BBM Toy Workshop

BBM will host a workshop to make toys for the East Kingdom toy box on February 2, 2019 from 10:00 to 4:00 at the New Britain Public Library at 20 High Street. <http://www.nbpl.info/hours.html>

We will have materials for making some toys (cloth balls, stuffed dragons, ribbon wands, and bean bags) or feel free to bring your own. If you have any one foot long small dowels, ribbon, stuffing, yarn, needles, thread, scissors, felt, sturdy cloth, dried beans, or materials for other kinds of toys, please bring them.

If you do not wish to make toys, bring a project to work on! There are lots of tables and chairs for you to use.

Please also bring something to share for lunch. Plan to wear regular clothes, no garb is required.

If you have any questions, please contact Ana Ilevna (Janet D'Agostino-Neill) at 860-223-6843 or ilevna@hotmail.com.

See you then!

~ Ana Ilevna



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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: Baron Dorigen of Lewes

Fencing Champion: Sir Arnwult Aethelreding

Heavy Weapons Champion: Svafnir Thorvaldson

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Gwilym of Fflint

Baronial Meeting:

Monday, January 14, 2019, 7-9:00 p.m. at Colchester Library, 8 Linwood Avenue, Colchester, CT.

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.

Tolkien: Maker of Middle-earth Exhibit

The Morgan Library and Museum

January 25 through May 12, 2019

"In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit." With these words the Oxford professor J.R.R. Tolkien ignited a fervid spark in generations of readers. From the children's classic *The Hobbit* to the epic *The Lord of the Rings*, Tolkien's adventurous tales of hobbits and elves, dwarves and wizards have introduced millions to the rich history of Middle-earth. Going beyond literature, Tolkien's Middle-earth is a world complete with its own languages and histories. *Tolkien: Maker of Middle-earth* celebrates the man and his creation. The exhibition will be the most extensive public display of original Tolkien material for several generations. Drawn from the collections of the Tolkien Archive at the Bodleian Library (Oxford), Marquette University Libraries (Milwaukee), the Morgan, and private lenders, the exhibition will include family photographs and memorabilia, Tolkien's original illustrations, maps, draft manuscripts, and designs related to *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *The Silmarillion*.

BBM Winter Archery

For those archers who choose, the practice in Burlington will be participating in the Gwyntarian Winter Challenge again this year. We will shoot at the regular practice Tuesday nights in Burlington (practice generally runs from 5:30 to 7:30). Practice is subject to temperature and snow cover; however we will attempt to post on the BBM yahoo group when we will NOT be shooting. If you have questions you can call Dorian at 860 673-2240 (no texts) or email to bob.schlain@att.net.

The Gwyntarian Winter Challenge is an interkingdom archery competition which runs from November thru April details can be found at <http://web.raex.com/~obsidian/wint.html> . So far the East Kingdom has only two entries in the Winter

Challenge, our Kingdom Deputy Captain General (Kusunoki Yoshimoto) and BBM's Charlotte.

Archaeology News

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

12/31/18 - Medieval Weapon Uncovered Near Scottish Castle - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND—According to a report in *The Scotsman*, a stone ball has been unearthed at a construction site near Edinburgh Castle. City council archaeologist John Lawson suggests the piece of carved stone may have been fired at the castle with a trebuchet during a three-day siege by English forces in 1296. "We always knew this area could shed light on this era of Edinburgh's history and here we are with the discovery of a medieval weapon," Lawson said. The English took the castle and held it for 18 years. To read in-depth about the Scottish defeat at the 1650 Battle of Dunbar, go to "After the Battle." <https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/catapult-ball-fired-at-edinburgh-castle-in-13th-century-siege-discovered-in-hotel-site-dig-1-4849752>

12/28/18 - Hidden Carvings Revealed at Scotland's Dunkeld Cathedral - PERTHSHIRE, SCOTLAND—According to a report in the *Daily Record*, conservationists inspecting a fifteenth-century tomb at Dunkeld Cathedral found stone carvings that had been hidden from view for some 600 years. The tomb, built in 1420 for Bishop Cardeny, is thought to have originally been placed in a freestanding location, and later moved and placed against a wall. Colin Muir of Historic Environment Scotland said the conservation team does not yet know why the tomb was moved. "Conservation works to protect the fabric of the tomb are currently being planned, and we hope to undertake further investigation of what may lie behind it," he said. As part of the investigation, the researchers recorded the carvings with 3-D photogrammetric technology and created a model of the tomb. To read about a recent discovery relating to early Christianity in Scotland, go to "Fit for a Saint." <https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/scotland-now/ancient-stone-carvings-hidden-600-13777406>

12/7/18 - Foundations of Medieval Friary Found - KINGUSSIE, SCOTLAND—*BBC News* reports that human bones dating to the Middle Ages have been found in the Scottish Highlands, near the foundations of what may have been a Christian

chapel built by Carmelite friars, who arrived in Britain in the thirteenth century. Archaeologist Steven Birch of West Coast Archaeology Services said the bones, which are jumbled together, may have been exhumed when a chapel was built for a Carmelite friary at the site sometime before the beginning of the sixteenth century, and then reinterred within structure. After they have been examined, the bones will be reburied in a nearby historic cemetery. To read about the remains of Scottish soldiers who died after the 1650 Battle of Dunbar, go to “After the Battle.”
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-46481427>

12/7/18 - Excavation of Scotland’s Mote of Urr Revisited - DALBEATTIE, SCOTLAND—*The Scotsman* reports that the 1950s excavation of the Mote of Urr, a motte-and-bailey castle in Scotland’s Southern Uplands, has been published by a team of researchers from Guard Archaeology. The structure was first built in the late twelfth century and is thought to have been destroyed by fire. When it was rebuilt, a large, central stone-lined pit was dug for use as an oven, furnace, or kiln, and the hill, or motte, on which the structure stood was made taller and a double palisade was built to enclose its summit. The excavation team, led by artist and archaeologist Brian Hope-Taylor, also found traces of a trench and a timber bridge across the moat that surrounded the motte. In all, the castle was occupied for more than 200 years. “Urr was probably partly destroyed during the Wars of Independence in the early fourteenth century,” said Richard Oram of Stirling University, who researched the history of the site. “There is a large gap in the documentary record for the latter part of the fourteenth and first half of the fifteenth centuries, by which time the estate was being rented out to tenant farmers,” he said. To read in-depth about medieval British fortifications, go to “Inside the Anarchy.”
<https://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/castle-was-used-in-time-of-wallace-and-bruce-excavations-reveal-1-4841159>

12/5/18 - Possible Remains of Extinct “Hobby Horses” Uncovered in Ireland - COUNTY KILDARE, IRELAND—*The Leinster Leader* reports that traces of an Anglo-Norman medieval village and what may have been a large horse-breeding farm were discovered in the mid-east region of Ireland ahead of roadway construction. Scholars knew of the village from historic sources, but its exact location had been lost. Test excavations in the settlement revealed a high number of horse

remains. Some of the horse bones were smaller and lighter than the others, and may represent animals that had been bred for use in war by light cavalry called hobelars. Their agile mounts, bred in Ireland and exported to England and Scotland, came to be known as hobby horses. The breed is now extinct. Skeletal remains of cattle, sheep, and pigs were also found, in addition to the bones of dogs, cats, deer, pheasants, crows, geese, ducks, and squirrels. For more on medieval Ireland, go to “The Vikings in Ireland.”
<https://www.leinsterleader.ie/news/home/351471/archaeologists-found-site-believed-to-be-kildare-s-oldest-stud-farm.html>

12/3/18 - Crusader-Era Gold Coins Unearthed in Israel - CAESAREA, ISRAEL—*BBC News* reports that a small bronze pot holding a cache of 900-year-old gold coins and a gold earring has been found hidden in the wall of a well, at a house located in the ancient Mediterranean port of Caesarea. Peter Gendelman and Mohammed Hatar of the Israel Antiquities Authority said the eleventh-century coins may have been hidden during the Crusader conquest of the city in 1101, when historic sources note that the most of the city’s inhabitants were killed by the army led by Baldwin I, the king of the Crusader kingdom of Jerusalem. Gendelman and Hatar explained that the well-to-do owner of the coins probably either died in the massacre or was sold into slavery and so was unable to return for the coins. For more, go to “Reimagining the Crusades.”
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-46429990>

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