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# *The Chanticleer*

## *Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain*

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### **Greetings to the Barony from your Seneschal**

*At the March Baronial Business Meeting, we had a discussion about what can and cannot be done on behalf of the Barony or the SCA or in the Barony or SCA's name. This message is intended to put that in writing for everyone's information.*

*In order for any activity to happen on behalf of the Barony Beyond the Mountain or the SCA, it must be discussed at a Baronial Meeting and specifically approved in advance. Activities that this applies to include but are not limited to: events, practices, A&S activities sponsored by the Barony, demos, renting facilities, booking facilities such as library rooms whether there is or isn't a fee, and fundraisers.*

*The way this happens is:*

- 1. You get a cool idea.*
- 2. You discuss it with the Seneschal.*
- 3. I ask you to do some more fact finding, and I add it to the next monthly meeting agenda.*
- 4. We discuss it as a group at the meeting and either make a decision or ask for more information and discuss it again the following month.*

*I want to emphasize two things: Due to the SCA's 501(c)(3) non-profit status with the IRS, money issues are especially scrutinized by the Kingdom and SCA corporate. **Money raised on behalf of the Barony/SCA \*must\* be dealt with under the auspices of the Exchequer. If Mistress Ciara McRobbie is not involved, that is a large problem and could get us into a lot of trouble with Kingdom or even Corporate.***

**The Seneschal is the legal representative of the SCA in BBM and only the Seneschal or a specifically authorized Deputy Seneschal can agree to or sign any agreement, application, permit, etc.**

*If the thing you wish to do is private and doesn't involve the SCA or the Barony or the SCA's insurance coverage (holding a workshop at your house, for example), then the Baronial Meeting does not need to be involved at all. Private gatherings are your business, even if everyone involved also happens to belong to the SCA. Have fun!*

*If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me. My information is on the Baronial Web Page: <http://bbm.eastkingdom.org/officers>*

*Regards,*

*- Mesterinde Anarra Karlsdottir*

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**Ravenhill** – Michael Christian Longstryde,  
[michael.seneschal@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.seneschal@yahoo.com)

## Baronial Champions:

**Archery Champion:** Lady Alexandra  
Krakkensdottir

**Fencing Champion:** Lord Grimolfr Skulason

**Heavy Weapons Champion:** Mistress Shiro

**Thrown Weapons Champion:** Lord Grimolfr  
Skulason

## Meetings:

**Baronial:** Next meeting is Monday, May 16, 2016 7-9 p.m. at the Metropolitan District Training Center (MDTC), 125 Maxim Rd, Hartford, CT. Contact Seneschal Anarra Karlsdottir, [t\\_neill@hotmail](mailto:t_neill@hotmail)

**Newcomers Meeting:** TBD

**Canton:**

**Ravenhill:** Second Monday of the month, at the home of Seneschal Michael Christian Longstryde (Michael Intemann), 28 John Beach Rd, Newtown, CT 06470, 203-270-3670 (Before 9:00 pm), [michael.seneschal@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.seneschal@yahoo.com).

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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](mailto:nancysuad@gmail.com).

## 107th Connecticut Sheep & Wool Festival Demo





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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:** Practice to Tuesdays at 4:30 indoors for the winter at the Norwich Archery Club; crossbows welcome. Contact Bob Smith to ensure practice is on due to weather or other issues at 860-848-3525. \$5.00 for non-members of the club.

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

**CT: BBM – Woodstock:** Practice may still be open by appointment. Crossbows welcome. Contact Krakken at 860-928-0578 or Email: [Dean\\_Whitehead@bose.com](mailto:Dean_Whitehead@bose.com).

**CT: Dragonship Haven:** Thursday from 8pm-10pm at the Keefe Center in Hamden, CT. Closed for the Season  
**MA: Carolingia - Carlisle MA:** Practice is closed until spring.

**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](mailto:peter.carmichael@comcast.net) or call 978-287-0808.

**MA: Smoking Rocks - Trader Jan's:** Practice is open Wednesdays 5:30-7:30PM; Friday 6-8PM at 288 Plymouth Ave, Fall River MA. Lane fee is \$8.00. Loaner gear is available. Contact Owen at [Owen\\_Hudleston@yahoo.com](mailto:Owen_Hudleston@yahoo.com)

**MA: Quintavia - (Worcester County; Central Mass):** Practice is closed until spring.

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

## Fencing

**Wednesday, 7-10 p.m.** Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester CT 06415

**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](mailto:fence@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org).

**Sundays, 1-5 p.m.** at Mary Elizabeth McGrath Educational Center, 130 Elm Street, Millbury, MA (hosted by the Shire of Quintavia). Contact Captain Anssem van Rienen, Marshall of Fence, Carolingia, at [fence-marshal@carolingia.eastkingdom.org](mailto:fence-marshal@carolingia.eastkingdom.org).

## Heavy-List Fighting

**Tuesdays, 7-10** Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact: Aine at [ainethefearless@gmail.com](mailto:ainethefearless@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m.** Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester CT 06415

**Wednesdays, 7 p.m.,** Barony of Bergental at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, MA. Contact Cedric of Armorica, 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 Baron Osgkar of the Wood (Stephen Straut-Esden); [osgkar@earthlink.net](mailto:osgkar@earthlink.net). **Fridays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.,** Wyman Elementary School, 1 Columbia Ave., Warwick, RI. Directions and contacts on BBM website.

## Thrown Weapons Practice

**Tuesdays from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.,** weather permitting In the Canton of Ravenhill, 28 John Beach Rd Newtown, CT. Contact Michael Longstryder (Michael Intemann) [thrownweapons@ymail.com](mailto:thrownweapons@ymail.com) 203-270-3670 (no later than 8:30 p.m.)

## Youth Fighter Practice

**Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.** at the Keefe Center in Hamden, CT (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Youth Fighter Marshal (Taoisech Holt Kincaid) for more information at [youth@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org](mailto:youth@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org). Those who are new or need loaner gear should arrive a little early and a marshal will be there assist them. Please bring your own personal protection (athletic cup) and water bottles.



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## A Message from our Baroness

Happy New Year! We are now in the year of the Society fifty-one. I have been playing this game for twenty-nine years - for more than half the time it has existed, and for more than half of my life. At a guess, I don't think I'll be quitting any time soon.

There was a lot going on in April, and a lot of people worked hard to make it happen. Coronation was spectacular (if somewhat uncomfortable) at the Higgins Armory in Quintavia. If you weren't there, I strongly recommend that you hunt down some of the pictures - it was visually spectacular, if very, very, VERY warm. Balfar's Challenge nicely balanced out the climate issues by being a nicely temperate day, and very, shall we say, rewarding for the good folk of Beyond the Mountain. I would like to again congratulate Lord Rumhann, Lady Sorcha, and Lady Sybill on receiving their Awards of Arms, and also Master Llewellyn on a very well-deserved Maunche. Well done, all of you. Dorigen and I were very pleased to be able to be there to see your recognition.

I'll take this moment to repeat myself to encourage everyone to write people in for awards: to Dorigen and I for Baronial awards, and to Their Majesties for Kingdom awards. There is a link on [eastkingdom.org](http://eastkingdom.org) with a form for the Kingdom awards, and if you would like any assistance with writing a recommendation, please don't hesitate to ask any of the "old timers" in the Barony for help. Anyone can write in anyone for anything.

The next big thing to happen was the opening of a second practice in the Barony in Colchester. We had a successful evening of fencing and heavy list, and can now offer a practice on Wednesday as well as Tuesday! So to recap, there is fencing and heavy list available in Colchester on Wednesdays, and heavy list in Middlefield on Tuesdays. Both sites have space available for other activities, so if you are interested, please check the calendar on the Baronial webpage and contact the people listed. For completion's sake, I will also mention that archery practice continues every Tuesday in Burlington, unless it is actively raining. Cancellations will generally be announced on both the email list and the Facebook page.

On a related note to that, I would like to personally thank Sir Thomas and Lady Aine of the Middlefield practice, who after the aforementioned twenty-nine years in the SCA, put a sword in my hand and introduced me to the unique fun of

smacking a defenseless pell around. I'm not sure if anything more is going to come of this, but I'm going to go back and try it again. I'm now ever so slightly more well rounded than I was, and not just from the cookies.

We ended April with a baaaaa rather than a bang, with our yearly demo at the 107th Connecticut Sheep and Wool Festival. The weather was perfect, there was a good crowd, and it was a great time. I don't know about anyone else, but I talked myself close to hoarse over the course of the day. Gwenllian's crack fiber demo team did it again - we looked good, and we spoke to a lot of interested people. That demo is always a good time, and a great opportunity to show the public some of the things that we do very well. I'm proud to be able to be a part of it, and want to express my thanks as always to Gwenllian for putting it all together. It's one of the highlights of my year.

I'll end this month by encouraging everyone to keep an eye on the calendar on the front page of the website - that's where all our official stuff will be listed. There's lots of interesting things going on - get out and be part of them!

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# Archaeology News

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

## 4/18/16 - TRACES OF MEDIEVAL TOWN UNCOVERED IN WESTERN SCOTLAND - IRVINE, SCOTLAND—

Archaeologists examined an area in Irvine, Scotland, ahead of a development project, to look for traces of the medieval royal burgh. They uncovered an oven, wells, and the skeletons of a pony and two cows that had been buried intact. "In each instance the whole articulated skeleton—two cows and a pony—was buried in an individual grave, with no apparent attempt to butcher or otherwise use the body—a practice that would have been common in medieval Scotland," Claire Williamson of Rathmell Archaeology told Culture 24. The team also found pits lined with timber and stone that may have been used for soaking hides and making leather. The well-preserved wood suggests that water levels may have been higher at the site in the past. Archaeologists will attempt to date the timbers using dendrochronology. Medieval pottery imported from as far away as Germany and Spain dating back to the thirteenth century has also been recovered. To read in-depth about archaeology in Scotland, go to "Letter From Scotland: Living on the Edge." <http://www.culture24.org.uk/history-and-heritage/archaeology/art551942-town-house-irvine-scotland-archaeology-rathmell>



## 4/15/16 - ANGLO-SAXON CEMETERY, NEOLITHIC PITS FOUND IN ENGLAND - WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND—

An Anglo-Saxon cemetery, Neolithic pits, and what may be two Early Bronze Age round barrows have been found on land used as a place for re-shoeing warhorses during World War I and as a training ground for use of anti-tank weapons during World War II. The land, located in the village of Bulford, is currently being developed as a residential area for army personnel. A team from Wessex Archaeology has recovered spears, knives, jewelry, and bone combs from the well-organized Anglo-Saxon cemetery, dated to between A.D. 660 and 780. "It contained the graves of women, men, and children and was clearly the burial ground for a local community—perhaps that of Bulford's earliest families. It included a number of re-used graves, a rare occurrence at this time, which may have held members of the same family," Si Cleggett of Wessex Archaeology said in a report in Culture 24. The Neolithic pits have yielded grooved-ware pottery, stone and flint axes, a disc-shaped flint knife, a chalk bowl, and the bones of deer and extinct cattle. For more, go to "Anglo-Saxon Jewelry Box."

<http://www.culture24.org.uk/history-and-heritage/archaeology/art551809-bulford-army-ministry-defence-archaeology-graves>

## 4/14/16 - 16TH C. GRAVE IN MEXICO CITY MAY BELONG TO SPANISH PRIEST

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO—While digging foundations for lamp posts near Mexico City's Metropolitan Cathedral, engineers discovered a stone slab thought to cover the tomb of one of the first Catholic priests in Mexico after the Spanish conquest in 1521. The slab, engraved with the name Miguel de Palomares, had been placed in the floor of what archaeologists think was once an Aztec temple. "The Spaniards, Hernán Cortes and his followers, made use of the pre-Hispanic structures, the temples, the foundations, the floors," Raúl Barrera of the National Institute of Anthropology and History told the Associated Press. Palomares died in 1542 and is known to have been buried inside the city's first cathedral, near an altar. This structure was torn down in the 1620s, after a larger cathedral had been built next to it. A hole is thought to have been drilled into the slab for a wooden pole or cross hundreds of years later. To read in-depth about archaeology in Mexico, go to "Under Mexico City." <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/13/mexico-priest-grave-spanish-conquest-aztec-archaeology>

## 4/7/16 - MEDIEVAL CHESS PIECE UNEARTHED IN ENGLAND - WALLINGFORD, ENGLAND—

A tiny chess piece that may have been part of a traveling set has been unearthed in the backyard at Wallingford Museum, located in southeast England. "It is one of only about 50 medieval chess pieces found in England and, at only 21.7 mm [about .8 of an inch] high, it is unique in being the smallest medieval Arabic chess piece known in the country," museum curator Judy Dewey told The Oxford Times. The gaming piece, a bishop, is thought to have been carved from the tip of an antler in the twelfth or thirteenth century and is decorated with traditional roundels. The piece was found near Wallingford Priory, so the set may have been lost by a wealthy traveler who had been lodging there. "Wallingford had an important Royal Castle close by and occasionally visitors were housed in the Priory—even the monks may have played chess," Dewey said. To read more about chess and chess pieces in medieval Britain, go to "Artifact."

[http://www.oxfordtimes.co.uk/NEWS/14406792.Rare\\_chess\\_piece\\_found\\_in\\_back\\_yard\\_of\\_museum/](http://www.oxfordtimes.co.uk/NEWS/14406792.Rare_chess_piece_found_in_back_yard_of_museum/)

## 4/1/16 - POSSIBLE VIKING SITE SPOTTED IN NEWFOUNDLAND - POINT ROSEE, NEWFOUNDLAND—

A second possible New-World Viking site has been found on the southwest coast of Newfoundland, about 300 miles south of "L'Anse aux Meadows," which was discovered in 1960. The site was spotted by archaeologist Sarah H. Parcak of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, while she was looking at high-resolution satellite images of New World coastlines. The site, called Point Rosee, appeared as a dark stain with buried rectilinear features. On the ground, magnetometer readings showed elevated iron readings, and test trenches exposed turf walls, ash residue, a fire-cracked boulder, and roasted ore called bog iron. "It screams, 'Please excavate me!,'" Parcak told The New York Times. Team member Douglas Bolender of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, thinks the buried structure could be a smithy for forging longboat nails and weaponry. "There's no lock that it's Norse, but there's no alternative evidence," he explained. To read more about Norse settlements, go to "The Vikings in Ireland." <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/01/science/vikings-archaeology-north-america->

[newfoundland.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fscience&action=click&contentCollection=science&region=rank&module=package&version=highlights&contentPlacement=1&pgtype=sectionfront&\\_r=0](#)

**3/31/16 – METAL SCOURGE UNEARTHED AT MEDIEVAL ABBEY - NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, ENGLAND**—Archaeologists have identified pieces of metal uncovered at Rufford Abbey as one of only four medieval scourges known in England. The scourge, made of woven copper-alloy wires braided together, may have been used by the abbey's Christian monks in the penitential act of self-flagellation, and to ward off the Black Death of 1348. Similar scourges have been found at Rievaulx Abbey in Yorkshire, Grovebury Priory in Bedfordshire, and Roche Abbey in South Yorkshire. "Each archaeological dig at Rufford Abbey unearths something new about its remarkable history and this is another fascinating discovery which helps us to build a picture of what life could have been like for the monks living in the Abbey during the dark days of the Black Death and its aftermath," Councilor John Knight, Committee Chairman for Culture at Nottinghamshire County Council said in a press release.

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/pressreleases/show/black-death-and-self-punishment-remains-of-medieval-whip-found-at-rufford-abbey>

**3/24/16 - SHAKESPEARE'S SKULL MIGHT BE MISSING - STRATFORD, ENGLAND**—Archaeologists carrying out a ground-penetrating radar survey of Shakespeare's grave at the Holy Trinity Church in Stratford have discovered that the playwright's skull is likely missing, reports the BBC. The radar data show that there was a major repair to the head end of Shakespeare's grave, which lends new support to a previously dismissed 1879 magazine story claiming that trophy hunters stole his skull. "We have Shakespeare's burial with an odd disturbance at the head end and we have a story that suggests that at some point in history someone's come in and taken the skull of Shakespeare," said Staffordshire University archaeologist Kevin Colls. "It's very, very convincing to me that his skull isn't at Holy Trinity at all." The survey also revealed that Shakespeare's wife Anne Hathaway and his other relatives were buried in shallow graves beneath the church's floor. <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-35883872>

**3/24/16 - VIKING HOARD CONSERVED IN SCOTLAND - GALLOWAY, SCOTLAND**—Conservators have finished work on artifacts from a metal vessel containing the so-called Galloway Viking Hoard, discovered in 2014, reports the BBC. Dating to the ninth or tenth century A.D., the lidded pot held artifacts that Vikings likely looted from monasteries in England and Ireland. They include silver Anglo-Saxon and Irish brooches, a gold ingot, and even silk from Byzantium. "The complexity of the material in the hoard raises more questions than it answers, and like all the best archaeology, this find doesn't give any easy answers," said National Museums Scotland archaeologist Stuart Campbell. "Questions about the motivations and cultural identity of the individuals who buried it will occupy scholars and researchers for years to come." Officials expect the hoard to go to a Scottish museum. <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-35871538>

**3/23/16 - 3-D MODEL OF KING RICHARD III'S GRAVE RELEASED - LEICESTER, ENGLAND**—Team members from University of Leicester Archaeological Services have used photogrammetry software to create a rotatable model of the grave said to belong to King Richard III. The interactive model,

available on the 3-D sharing platform Sketchfab, was made with photographs taken during the 2012 excavation of the grave. "Photographs and drawings of the grave, whilst dramatic, are only two-dimensional and do not always best show nuances in special relationships that a three-dimensional model can," site supervisor Mathew Morris said in a press release. For example, the team says that viewers can see how Richard had been buried in a grave with sloping sides and an uneven base. The grave was also too short for him, so his body leaned to one side with his head propped up. They add that this fits with accounts of the burial, which record that Richard III had been buried without pomp or a solemn funeral. "These photos were not taken with photogrammetry in mind but the software is incredibly versatile and can be applied retrospectively to create this superb model," Morris added. For more, go to "Richard III's Last Act."

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/press/press-releases/2016/march/university-of-leicester-archaeologists-create-3d-interactive-digital-reconstruction-of-king-richard-iii2019s-grave-found-under-a-car-park>

**3/22/16 – MEDIEVAL CASTLE UNCOVERED IN GLASGOW** GLASGOW, SCOTLAND—Traces of Partick Castle have been uncovered in Glasgow by a team from GUARD Archaeology. It had been thought that any archaeological remains in the area, which had once been the site of a royal estate, an ecclesiastical center, and the country seat of the Bishops of Glasgow, had been destroyed by industrial works in the nineteenth century. On higher ground at the site, however, the archaeologists found ditches, a well, and several stone walls, in addition to pottery, metalwork, leather, glass, and animal bones ranging in age from the twelfth or thirteenth century to the seventeenth century. "This fits well with the historical references to the original Bishop's residence being erected no earlier than the twelfth century and demolished in the early seventeenth century prior to a new tower house being constructed on the site," excavation leader Beth Spence said in a press release. "So the archaeology we are encountering is probably the remains of both of these residences and what we will need to do once we have completed our excavation is disentangle the remains of the later tower house from the earlier castle," she explained. <http://www.guard-archaeology.co.uk/news16/PartickCastleNews.html>

**3/18/16 - BRITISH BUCKLE DISCOVERED IN DANISH VIKING GRAVE - RANDERS, DENMARK**—A gilt bronze buckle dating to more than 1,000 years ago has been found buried with a woman in a Viking grave in west Denmark. Determining the origin of the 2.4-inch-wide buckle has been a major challenge, according to archaeologist Ernst Stidsing of the Museum of East Jutland. Stidsing sent photos of the buckle to a colleague who was stumped and who sent them on to other experts. They agreed that it was from the British Isles, but were divided on exactly which part—some said Ireland, others the south of Scotland. They agreed, however, that the disc was originally a decoration on a religious box and was only used as a buckle after it was stolen. "It's from a monastery or a church, and not necessarily Christian. But it's very likely stolen goods—such objects were not traded," Stidsing told ScienceNordic. "The Vikings didn't come to own this sort of thing by honest means." The grave was dated to the tenth century A.D., and experts believe the buckle is from around 800 A.D. It is unclear how the buckle got to Denmark, though it is possible the woman was originally from Norway and obtained it there. <http://sciencenordic.com/unique-jewellery-british-isles-found-danish-viking-grave>



### 3/18/16 – VIKING CRUCIFIX FOUND IN DENMARK

**AUNSLEV, DENMARK**—A rare Viking-era gold crucifix has been discovered in a field near the village of Aunslev. According to a press release issued by the Ladby Viking Museum, where the cross is set to go on display, the artifact was found by a metal detectorist who immediately alerted archaeologists to the discovery. Made in the shape of a man with outstretched arms, the crucifix is just under two inches high and has a small eye on its top that suggests it was once worn with a chain. In the nineteenth century, a similar cross was discovered in the grave of Viking-era woman in Sweden, and researchers believe the Aunslev crucifix also probably belonged to a woman. Dating to the first half of the tenth century, it is one of the oldest crucifixes to be found in Denmark. <http://en.vikingemuseetladby.dk/about-the-museum/news/extraordinary-find-denmarks-oldest-crucifix/>



### 3/16/16 - RELIQUARY MAY HOLD REMAINS OF SWEDEN'S SAINT ERIK - UPPSALA, SWEDEN

**UPPSALA, SWEDEN**—According to a press release, a team of scientists led by researchers from Uppsala University has analyzed the remains of Saint Erik, thought to be held in a reliquary since 1257. According to legend, Erik Jedvardsson was killed and beheaded in 1160, in the tenth year of his reign as king of Sweden, outside the church in Uppsala by a Danish claimant to the throne. The new study of the 23 bones in the reliquary has found that all but one of them belonged to the same man, who was between 35 and 40 years of age at the time of death, around A.D. 1160. He was well-nourished by a diet rich in freshwater fish, and powerfully built. Dents in the cranium suggest that he had one or two healed wounds, perhaps inflicted by weapons in battle. At least nine wounds from the time of death have been found, seven of them on the legs. The researchers think that the king may have been wearing a hauberk that protected his upper body at the time of his death. The remains from the reliquary also include neck vertebra that had been cut. DNA analysis of samples taken from the remains is underway.

[http://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2016-03/uusn031616.php](http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2016-03/uusn031616.php)

### 3/16/16 - ANNOTATIONS REVEALED IN ENGLAND'S 1535

**LATIN BIBLE - LONDON, ENGLAND**—Hidden annotations have been revealed in a copy of England's first printed Bible,

published in 1535. The book, now housed in the Lambeth Palace Library, is one of seven surviving copies. "At first, the Lambeth copy appeared completely 'clean.' But upon closer inspection I noticed that heavy paper had been pasted over blank parts of the book," historian Eyal Poleg of Queen Mary University said in a press release. Graham Davis of Queen Mary University's School of Dentistry, a specialist in 3-D X-ray imaging, took two images of the Bible's pages. The first, taken with a light sheet between the pages, showed the annotations scrambled with the Latin text. The second image, taken without the sheet, showed only the printed text. Davis then removed the printed text from the images of the annotations with computer software that he created. The notes had been copied from the "Great Bible" of Thomas Cromwell, sometime between 1539 and 1549, and then covered with thick paper in 1600. "This Bible is a unique witness to a time when the conservative Latin and the reformist English were used together, showing the Reformation was a slow, complex, and gradual process," Poleg explained.

<http://www.qmul.ac.uk/media/news/items/hss/172297.html>

### 3/15/16 - VASCO DA GAMA SHIPWRECK DISCOVERED

**MUSCAT, OMAN**—One of Vasco da Gama's ships has been identified in the waters off the coast of Al Hallaniyah Island. The nau Esmeralda, a Portuguese East Indiaman, was commanded by Vicente Sodré, Vasco da Gama's uncle, and was part of the Armada to India. It sank in 1503. More than 2,800 artifacts have been recovered, including a copper-alloy disc marked with the Portuguese royal coat of arms and the personal emblem of King Dom Manuel I; a bronze bell with an inscription that suggests the ship was built in 1498; gold cruzado coins minted in Lisbon between 1494 and 1501; and an Indio, an extremely rare silver coin commissioned by Dom Manuel in 1499 specifically for trade with India. Most of the artifacts are lead, iron, and stone shot; bronze breech chambers, and firearms. "This project differs from the majority of maritime archaeology projects in that we set out to specifically find the wreck site of the Sodré ships, using a survivor's and other historical accounts, because of their very early age and the potential they held for new discoveries," project director David L. Meams of Blue Water Recoveries said in a press release.

<http://esmeraldashipwreck.com/press/>

### 3/11/16 - MEDIEVAL RELIQUARY DISCOVERED IN

**BULGARIA - DOBROMIRTSI, BULGARIA**—A small medieval reliquary has been discovered during a preliminary survey of the ruins of a medieval monastery near Bulgaria's border with Greece, reports Archaeology in Bulgaria. Archaeologist Nikolay Ovcharov of the National Institute and Museum of Archaeology in Sofia discovered the artifact, which may have contained relics attributed to a Christian saint. He also found the arm of a bronze cross decorated with the image of the Virgin Mary, and believes both objects date to around the eleventh century A.D. Ovcharov was also able to confirm reports of looting at the site when he identified freshly dug pits near the monastery's surviving walls. He plans to begin scientific excavations at the site in May.

<http://archaeologyinbulgaria.com/2016/03/07/medieval-reliquary-discovered-at-christian-monastery-looted-by-treasure-hunters-ahead-of-archaeological-excavations/>

### 3/10/16 - ROADWORK REVEALS MEDIEVAL VILLAGE IN

**SCOTLAND - HAMILTON, SCOTLAND**—Roadwork in central Scotland has uncovered traces of a medieval site that may be the lost village of Cadzow. "This dig has unearthed two medieval structures, nine medieval coins, gaming pieces, sherds of pottery and lead pistol shot, possibly from the Battle of Bothwell Bridge (1679)—collectively, they provide a rare



insight into life in Scotland in the Middle Ages," Keith Brown, Minister for Infrastructure, Investments and Cities said in a press release. Because the site was in a busy nineteenth-century industrial area, it had been thought that any archaeological evidence had been lost. The site's two structures are adjacent to a memorial stone which may have been the original home of the 1,000-year-old Netherton Cross, which was moved away from the roadway to Hamilton Old Parish Church in the 1920s. "It's very unusual to find so many coins in one place. We think it's possible that people thought it lucky to leave a coin at the religious shrine," said project director Kevin Mooney. <http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/M74-upgrade-unearths-medieval-settlement-23a5.aspx>

### 3/4/16 - HENRY VIII MAY HAVE SUFFERED TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES - NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT—

Historians have suggested that Henry VIII, who had been described as an even-tempered and intelligent young man, may have suffered traumatic brain injuries that caused lasting health and behavioral problems. Muhammad Qaiser Ikram and Fazle Hakim Sajad of Yale University analyzed Henry's letters and other historical sources for information on his medical history and events that could explain his ailments. While in his 30s, Henry was injured during a jousting tournament when a lance penetrated his visor, and he received another blow to the head while attempting to pole-vault over a brook. In 1536, a horse fell on him during jousting match and the king was unconscious for two hours. "Historians agree his behavior changed after 1536," behavioral neurologist Arash Salardini said in a press release. Salardini and his team argue that traumatic brain injury offers a better explanation for Henry's memory problems, explosive anger, inability to control impulses, headaches, insomnia, and perhaps even impotence than other ailments that have been suggested, such as syphilis, diabetes, and Cushing Syndrome. <http://news.yale.edu/2016/02/02/did-henry-viii-suffer-same-brain-injury-some-nfl-players>

### 3/4/16 - CHURCH RENOVATIONS REVEAL FORGOTTEN BURIALS - PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND—

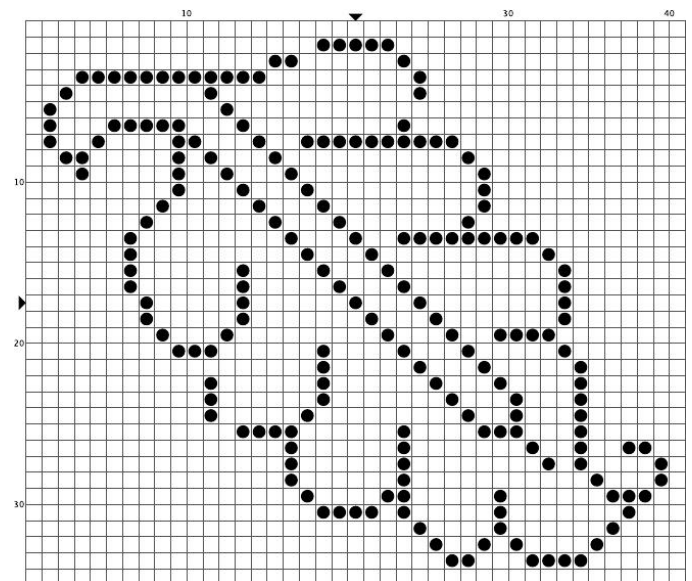
Workers discovered burials while installing a new heating system in the floor of Stoke Damerel Church, which is thought to have been built in the thirteenth century. A large burial vault was uncovered near the center of the floor and may hold as many as twelve coffins. Most of the burials have been found toward the rear, older part of the church and may date to the fifteenth century. "When the church was extended through the eighteenth century, people seem to have had scant respect for burials as bones were all over the place and must belong to all sorts of people," church warden John Steer told The Plymouth Herald. The remains will be reburied as close to where they were found as possible under the new church floor. <http://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/Bones-burial-chambers-revealed-while-digging/story-28855059-detail/story.html>

### 3/1/16 - ANGLO-SAXON ISLAND SITE DISCOVERED IN ENGLAND - LINCOLNSHIRE, ENGLAND—

A team from the University of Sheffield has confirmed that a previously unknown Anglo-Saxon site was discovered by a metal detectorist in the village of Little Carlton. The metal detectorist found an eighth-century silver stylus in a plowed field, and reported it to England's Portable Antiquities Scheme. He then returned to the site, and using a GPS system to record the location of his discoveries, recovered an additional 20 writing implements, 300 dress pins, a small lead tablet bearing the woman's name "Cudberg," and coins from the seventh and eighth centuries. Archaeologists from the University of Sheffield recovered Saxon pottery and butchered animal bone from the site. They think that it may have been an island monastery or trading center. Geophysical and magnetometry

surveys, and 3-D modeling suggest that the island was connected to the rest of the Lincolnshire area through water courses. "It's one of the most important sites of its kind in that part of the world. The quantity of finds that have come from the site is very unusual—it's clearly not your everyday find," Hugh Willmott of the University of Sheffield told The Guardian. <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2016/mar/01/anglo-saxon-island-remains-discovered-lincolnshire-little-carlton-sheffield-university>

## Ye Olde Embroidery Corner



This is my best estimation of the outline used in over 100 oak leaves, all different, from a 16th century embroidery at Hardwick Hall. The outline appears to have been done in black silk, which deteriorated and disappeared over the centuries, so unbleached linen can be seen now where the outline was originally. The leaves and background are done in long-armed cross stitch, with some other stitches in the leaves.

<http://www.nationaltrustimages.org.uk/image/50220>

~ Mariot Carllein

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## *Congratulations*

*to the following gentles who received  
their awards at Balfar's Challenge:*

*Ladies Sorchia and Sybill were both  
awarded their AoAs.*

*Lord\* Rumhann received his AoA after  
approximately thirty years in the Society.*

*Master Llewellyn was recognized with a  
Maunche for his amazing  
metal work.*



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