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Fencing Champion: Lord Grimolfr Skulason

Heavy Weapons Champion: Mistress Shiro

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Grimolfr
Skulason

Meetings:

Baronial: Baronial: Next meeting is Monday,
June 20, 2016 7-9 p.m. at the Metropolitan District
Training Center (MDTC), 125 Maxim Rd, Hartford,
CT. Contact Seneschal Anarra Karlsdottir,
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.

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Glastingburi*

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.

Jerusalem 1000-1400: Every People Under Heaven

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
September 26, 2016 – January 8, 2017

This exhibition will illuminate the key role that the Holy City played in shaping the art of the period from 1000 to 1400. While Jerusalem is often described as a city of three faiths, that formulation underestimates its fascinating complexity. In fact, the city was home to multiple cultures, faiths, and languages. History records harmonious and dissonant voices of people from many lands, passing in the narrow streets of a city not much larger than midtown Manhattan. This will be the first exhibition to unravel the various cultural traditions and aesthetic strands that enriched and enlivened the medieval city.

Over 200 works of art will be gathered from some 60 lenders worldwide. Nearly a quarter of the objects will come from Jerusalem, including key loans from its religious communities, some of which have never before shared their treasures outside their walls. Jerusalem 1000–1400, Every People Under Heaven will bear witness to the crucial role that the city has played in shaping world culture, a lesson vital to our common history.

Kiva Anyone?

Did you know the SCA has a team on the charitable micro lending site Kiva (www.kiva.org)? For more information, ask Carlein, or you can sign up with Kiva and contact the SCA Team Leader, Esther, at <https://www.kiva.org/lender/esther9248> for more information. She is also interested in organizing a meeting at Pennsic.

Carlein

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.

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 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

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. 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.

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.

Heavy-List Fighting

Tuesdays, 7-10 Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact: Aine at 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 Oskgar of the Wood (Stephen Straut-Esden); 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 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. 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.

University of Rhode Island's Collection of Historical Embroideries

It is not well known, but the University of Rhode Island has a collection of historical embroideries, including some that are believed to be 16th-17th century, based on the styles and materials.

Much of what they have is called the Bainbridge Collection, named after the woman who collected and donated them.

They are housed at the Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design at the Kingston, Rhode Island campus. Viewing and photographing these embroideries is possible by contacting staff there and getting approval. I am starting to work through the dozens of pictures I took there earlier this month, and they will be incorporated into embroidery classes in the future.

Carlein

May 16, 2016 Baronial Meeting

MDC Training Center

Greetings!

The June meeting will be held: MONDAY, June 20, 2016 at the MDC Training Center

ALL OFFICERS – If your SCA membership expires on or before May 31, 2016, PLEASE send Anarra your new expiration date. She needs it for her Seneschal's Report.

Officer's Reports

Exchequer – Ciara/Gwilym (Deputy) - Ciara was not present at the meeting. We have money. We voted to allow Severin to buy back the printer we bought several years ago and never used for \$50. He wrote a check. We will write another \$300 check for June 2 – 29 to the Colchester Federated Church for Wednesday Fight practice.

Chatelaine – Gwenllian/Sorcha (Deputy) – CT Sheep and Wool demo: 11 people demoed, there was lots of interest, and was a good time. We've been told to plan to come back next year, even if they don't contact us.

Hastilude – chatelaine stuff went well, banner came back, got "ask me" buttons as a thank you.

Gwenllian will hang on to the banner for DSH's CT Ren faire demo if they need it.

Demo Colchester Green: June 12, we're all set. Across from the Federated Church. Grimolfr is wrangling.

Demo August 20 and 21 in Brookfield. Gwenllian coordinating with contact person.

Unnatural Axes: Still waiting on word from Ravenhill. No reply from Michael or Gabriella on when the date is.

Chronicler – Johanna/Emme (Deputy) - Johanna wants a new deputy. No, really, she does. **NEW DEPUTY!! It could be YOU!** Contact Johanna if you are interested.

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There are file size issues uploading the newsletters to the website – Sisule will provide technical details to Seneschal and chronicler to send up the chain. In the meantime, Johanna will provide Sisule with the newsletter broken into multiple smaller files for the website.

(This isn't now necessary. Kingdom increased our

maximum file size.)

Arts and Sciences – Alys du Bois - A demo was held. Practices are trying to get ancillary art things going. Community center in Waterford will let us teach classes to the public at no charge to us. They would want a series of classes. We would be allowed to charge. Looking into a place owned by the Waterford historic commission – field with a forge and such. Talking to Simon about chair-making.

Herald – Grimolfr/Camma (deputy) - Consultations – 2 in the barony. Also, we have several ideas for a BBM Populace Badge. They're on Facebook right now, but as soon as we have enough we'll put them in the Baronial Newsletter. Do YOU have an idea for a populace badge? Contact Grimolfr.

Web Minister – Sisule/Gwilym (Deputy) - Officer list is back up. OP is about to be up. Still needs pictures and/or arms from some officers.

Lists – Mark the Red Hand/Alexandra Cupbearer (deputy) - One reportable injury at Yule that Bergental is dealing with because it was their fighting event and their Marshal. We have asked for copies of the report. Having trouble with his email. No activity, no injuries, no word on Yule, therefore no year-end report has gone in.

Knight Marshal – Angus - One reportable injury at Yule that Bergental is dealing with because it was their fighting event and their Marshal. We have asked for copies of the report. No report because of saaaad car.

Fencing Marshal – Grimolfr - Colchester fight practice going well. New person from Haddam came. Grimolfr will give contact info to Gwenllian

Captain of Archers – Rumhann - Tuesday in Burlington. Champions will happen at K&Q's. This is OPT IN. Tell Lord Rumhann and Their Excellencies if you wish to be considered for Baronial Archery Champion. BEFORE Kings and Queens.

Youth Marshal – Karrah - No report (but Youth fighting is happening once a month at the Colchester practice).

Thrown Weapons Marshal – Michael - No Report
Seneschal of Ravenhill – Michael - No Report
Baron and Baroness – Dorigen & Eloise - See Champions below.

Seneschal – Anarra - Stepping down in December. Tell her in writing if you wish to be Seneschal.

Old Business

Yule 2016 - I spoke briefly with Bergental's Seneschal at Novice Schola. We need to pick a

BBM Coordinator around September. If you want to do it, be thinking about it between now and then. Yule is in West Springfield at the same church on December 3. We need to figure out what we want re ceremonies/silent auction/classes. We need a liaison.

Artifacts of a Life September 2017—Steward = Elizabeth Vynehorn - We need a venue.

Preliminary announcements to Kingdom have gone out. Ana Ilevna has an idea for prize (game boards and pieces). Elizabeth hasn't looked for a site yet, but will soon.

Champions - Since the June Shoot was cancelled, we need to discuss Baronial Champions.

The archery champion will be determined by breaking out baronial archery scores from K&Q's archery champions shoot in Quintavia. It will be an affirmative entry – you must opt IN. Details are on the website, and has been announced on FB and the email list.

Heavy/fencing/throw are still up in the air. Aelfgiva suggested doing something at Pennsic – she'll see if there is interest.

Demo at St Patrick Church in Collinsville CT—Syble - Do we want to do this? What would it involve? On a Sunday from ?? to 4:30. - No discussion this month.

Sumer Solstice Shoot June 24, 2017

Baronial Customs - Anarra needs to distribute. Eloise will nag.

Invitation to the Battle of Five Armies in Quintavia—Summer 2017

Here's what I have on our list of anticipated events to work around for summer 2017 (Saturdays given):

Possible Crown Tournament Date (May 6)

Roses/Pantheria (May 27)

Sommer Draw (early June???)

Palio di Stonemarche (mid-June???)

Northern Region War Camp (July 1)

Great Northeastern War (July 8)

Pennsic (July 29-Aug 12)

Harper's Retreat (September 2)

Neddingham County Faire (mid-September???)

Possible Coronation Date (September 30)

No discussion this month.

New Seneschal - Step up now, no waiting! Tell Anarra in writing if you wish to be the next Seneschal. It's not a hard job. We have a good Barony!

Coronet Boxes - We have a volunteer to make them.

Baronial Inventory—We need to schedule a time to inventory the Kitchen supplies. Soon.

Loaner Gear for fighting needs to be added

(THANK YOU Rumhann and Sisuile). Sue will

inventory Kitchen stuff this weekend. Gwenllian and Anarra inventoried Gold Key and fighting loaner gear and gave list to Ciarra on Tuesday.

Fight Practice – Middlefield - Tuesdays at 7:00.

Fight Practice – Colchester - Wednesdays at 7:00. On-site donations are not yet completely paying for the site rental, but are supplementing existing funds nicely.

New Business

Bids for Kingdom events

Don't think we have room for anything for the next two years

Golden Seamstress Event—September 9 and 10? - Anarra wrote to Rhode asking for DSH's permission to use the Middlefield Church site.

Rhode asked for date. We told her probably September 9 and 10. Church in Middlefield? Ciara is willing to run it. Starts Friday night, ends Saturday night. Need to provide breakfast and lunch. Go for Ciara to start moving forward.

Cooks and Bards - Sisuile – idea for spring, but we are very committed next year. No site, anyway so Sisuile will start by trying to find a site, and they we'll re-evaluate (but probably not for next spring).

Hrim Schola 2017 - DSH has said they are interested in running it next spring by themselves.



Archaeology News

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

5/27/16 - WET WEATHER MAY HAVE PUSHED MONGOLS OUT OF HUNGARY - ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND—Spring flooding may have pushed the invading Mongols out of Hungary in 1242, according to a study of Eastern European climate history conducted by Nicola Di Cosmo of Princeton University and Ulf Büntgen of the Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL. Tree-ring data from northern Scandinavia, the Polar Ural, the Romanian Carpathians, the Austrian Alps, and the Russian Altai suggests that in 1242, southern Poland, the Czech Republic, western Slovakia, northwestern Hungary, and eastern Austria experienced a cold and

snowy winter that was followed by an exceptionally wet spring. Di Cosmo told Live Science that the Mongol commanders, who had brought at least 130,000 troops and perhaps 65,000 horses into the region, might have been bogged down in pastures that had turned into muddy marshes. That could account for their sudden retreat through the Carpathian foothills and other elevated areas. "This is one of the very few cases in which we can identify a minor climatic change on just one winter and link it to a particularly important historical event," Di Cosmo explained. For more, go to "Mongol Fashion Statement." <http://www.livescience.com/54902-mystery-of-mongol-retreat-solved.html>

5/23/16 - COFFINS DISCOVERED AT SCOTTISH SCHOOL - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND—The outlines of at least nine coffins have been discovered on the grounds of a primary school in the town of Leith, north of Edinburgh. The discovery was made as part of an excavation in advance of new building construction, which also turned up a lone skeleton earlier this year. "These excavations have unearthed what appears to be a complex cemetery thought to date from the fifteenth to the seventeenth centuries," John Lawson, an archaeologist with the City of Edinburgh Council, said in a report in the Edinburgh Evening News, "containing at least nine graves including adults and young children buried in coffins." For more on archaeology in Scotland, go to "Neolithic Europe's Remote Heart." <http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/our-region/edinburgh/leith/coffins-from-17th-century-uncovered-under-edinburgh-school-1-4131822>

5/23/16 - CASTLE UNEARTHED IN WALES - CAERNARFON, WALES—Archaeologists in northern Wales have unearthed the remains of a small medieval castle, reports the North Wales Chronicle. A team lead by Jane Kenny of the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust spent two years working at the site, known as Han Gastell, which had previously been supposed to be an Iron Age hillfort. But instead of prehistoric fortifications, the team discovered the remains of a defended enclosure dating to the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Kenney speculates that it was probably built by a minor noble and then occupied by no more than four generations before being abandoned. Post holes at the site indicated that the castle once had a large timber hall or tower and the discovery of a large amount of metal slag showed it had its own blacksmithy. The team also discovered decorative bronze and brass objects as well as an iron knife. To read more about archaeology in the area, go to "Letter From Wales: Hillforts of the Iron Age." <http://www.northwaleschronicle.co.uk/news/162117/remains-of-small-medieval-castle-likely-belonging-to-welsh-lord-excavated-near-caernarfon.aspx>

5/20/16 - U.S. RETURNS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS LETTER TO ITALY - WASHINGTON, D.C.—In 1493, after his initial voyage, Christopher Columbus wrote a letter to his patrons, Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, which was reprinted and distributed to spread information about the New World. According to a report in Live Science, a joint American-Italian investigation team has determined that one of the 80 surviving copies of the letter, donated to the Library of Congress, had

been stolen from the Riccardiana Library in Florence, Italy, where a forgery had been left in its place. The forged document, in addition to having mismatched stitching, lacked an original Riccardiana Library stamp. Investigators also found that bleach had been used to remove the Riccardiana Library's stamp from the letter in the Library of Congress. "We are humbled to return this historic document back to its home country," U.S.

Attorney for the District of Delaware Charles M. Oberly III said in a statement. How the theft took place is still under investigation. <http://www.livescience.com/54799-stolen-christopher-columbus-letter-returned-to-italy.html>

5/19/16 – PAINTED MEDIEVAL CHURCH WALLS DISCOVERED IN NORTHERN SUDAN - WARSAW, POLAND—A team from the Center of Mediterranean Archaeology at the University of Warsaw is excavating the Church of Raphael, part of a royal complex of buildings at the site of Dongola, the capital of Makuria—a medieval kingdom located in what is now northern Sudan. The church's pulpit was made with hieroglyph-inscribed granite blocks repurposed from a pharaonic temple. Images of archangels, angels, priests, saints, and officials of the Nubian kingdom were painted on smooth lime wall plaster with expensive pigments. Each person depicted in the paintings was also identified and described. One of the inscriptions records a meeting at the church attended by the bishops of Makuria, the archbishop of Dongola, and the king. "The church was founded by King Joannes. Until now we did not know much about him. The inscription proves that he was an important person in the hierarchy of the church and had considerable political influence," archaeologist Włodzimierz Godlewski said in a Science & Scholarship in Poland report. For more, go to "Miniature Pyramids of Sudan."

<http://scienceinpoland.pap.pl/en/news/news,409710,polish-archaeologists-discovered-dozens-of-paintings-in-sudan.html>

5/19/16 - 16TH-CENTURY ALTAR CLOTH MAY HAVE BEEN QUEEN'S SKIRT PANEL - HEREFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND—Experts from Historic Royal Palaces examined a richly embroidered altar cloth kept in a glass case at St. Faith's Church, Bacton, and determined that it dates to the late sixteenth century. Tradition has associated the cloth with Bacton native Blanche Parry, who had a monument commemorating her years of loyal service to the Queen erected at the church. Made from cloth of silver, the fabric has shaped seams at the back that suggest it may have been a skirt panel in a court dress at one time. During the Tudor period, sumptuary law limited the wearing of cloth of silver to the royalty and the highest echelons of the aristocracy. Historians have not found any documentation linking the altar cloth to Elizabeth I, but it is similar to the garment worn by the Queen in the "Rainbow Portrait," and may have been given to Parry as a gift. "This is an incredible find. Items of Tudor dress are exceptionally rare in any case, but to uncover one with such a close personal link to Queen Elizabeth I is almost unheard of," Tracy Borman, joint chief curator at Historic Royal Palaces, said in a BBC News report. To read about artifacts linked to another associate of Queen Elizabeth, go to "Treasures of

Rathfarnham Castle." <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-36301188>

5/17/16 - ARCHAEOLOGISTS EXAMINE THE CURTAIN THEATER IN LONDON - LONDON, ENGLAND—The Guardian reports that archaeologists from the Museum of London Archaeology have excavated the well-preserved remains of The Curtain, a sixteenth-century theater where Shakespeare performed as an actor. They found a rectangular building that could have held about 1,000 people, and segments of wall standing about five feet tall. Scholars think that Shakespeare may have staged the first performances of Romeo and Juliet and Henry V at The Curtain, which was assumed to have a circular shape, since the prologue of Henry V mentions a "wooden O." "It now seems clear that the playhouse was a conversion of an earlier tenement—essentially a block of flats—and was later converted back into a tenement again," explained archaeologist Julian Bowsher. Artifacts from the site include a lead token, a broken bone comb, a metal mount for a cloth purse, and a piece of green pottery thought to be the base of a bird call, perhaps used for stage effects. Bowsher now thinks that the Henry V prologue mentioning the "wooden O" may have been added later, when the play was performed at The Globe. To read more about archaeology in London, go to "Haunt of the Resurrection Men."

<http://www.theguardian.com/culture/2016/may/17/curtain-excavation-early-shakespeare-theatre-rectangular-shoreditch>

5/12/16 - POSSIBLE MEDIEVAL KITCHEN SITE EXCAVATED IN ENGLAND - SUFFOLK, ENGLAND—Culture 24 reports that an archaeological investigation in Bury St. Edmunds, located near the southeast coast of England, has uncovered a building with a foundation made of flint and mortar that probably had timber walls and a tiled roof and floor. The building may have been a kitchen or cold storage area in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, perhaps placed at a distance from the houses in the core of the medieval market town to protect them from potential kitchen fires. The site also yielded pits where chalk was quarried between the twelfth and fourteenth centuries. (Lime for making mortar would have been extracted from the chalk.) The excavation team from Suffolk Archaeology found a gaming counter with wear marks suggesting it had been worn on a string, worked bone and antler waste, pottery, a chain, a spindle whorl, and roof tile fragments among the trash and food waste in the pits. To read more on medieval England, go to "Writing on the Church Wall." <http://www.culture24.org.uk/history-and-heritage/archaeology/art553920-suffolk-school-archaeology-kitchen-spindle-bones>

5/10/16 - ANGLO-SAXON CEMETERY HOLDS COMMUNITY CROSS-SECTION - WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND—A 1,300-year-old Anglo-Saxon cemetery of 55 burials has been unearthed in southeast Wiltshire. The cemetery dates from the late seventh to early eighth centuries, and includes the remains of men, women, and children. Another Anglo-Saxon cemetery from the same time period was found nearby on the Salisbury Plain last month. "We now have the opportunity to compare and

contrast the burial practices of two communities living only a few miles apart. They would almost certainly have known each other," project manager Bruce Eaton of Wessex Archaeology said in a Culture 24 report. The graves also contained iron knives, spears, a shield boss, bone pins, beads, coins pierced for necklaces, and combs. A large spear head and shield boss had been buried with a tall man who may have been a warrior; a high-status woman's burial included bronze jewelry, beads, a bone comb, a chatelaine, and a bronze workbox. To read about another Anglo-Saxon discovery, go to "The Kings of Kent."

<http://www.culture24.org.uk/history-and-heritage/archaeology/art554037-warrior-archaeology-anglo-saxon-wiltshire-tidworth>

5/9/16 - AN UPDATE FROM THE ZELENY YAR NECROPOLIS - SALEKHARD, RUSSIA—Scientists continue to study the well-preserved remains of a six- or seven-year-old boy whose medieval birch bark coffin was recovered from the Zeleny Yar necropolis. So far, they have learned that the boy had worms from eating raw or undercooked fish, which may have been a staple food fed to infants and small children. Petr Slominsky of the Institute of Molecular Genetics in Moscow told The Siberian Times that his team plans to gather DNA samples from the modern Khanty, Nenets, and Komi peoples, who live near the site of the necropolis, to compare with a sample from the remains. The task is complicated by damage to the remains caused by repeated thawing and freezing and by resin in the birch bark used to wrap the body. "The DNA we get is not very clean, and there is not very much of it," said Slominsky. "But at the moment we are working to clear the DNA and get more samples and as soon as we succeed we will start the analysis." For more on archaeology in the area, go to "Letter from Siberia: Fortress of Solitude."

<http://siberiantimes.com/science/casestudy/features/f228-are-you-my-mummy-dna-tests-to-seek-modern-relatives-of-800-year-old-mummified-boy/>

5/9/16 - MOUND IN SCOTLAND MAY CONTAIN A VIKING "THING" - ISLE OF BUTE, SCOTLAND—New radiocarbon dates for a preserved surface in the mound known as Cnoc An Rath could indicate a Viking presence at the site. Some think the archaeological monument may have been a Viking "thing," or parliament site, based upon an analysis of long lost place names on the island. And archaeologist Paul Duffy told the Herald Scotland that a medieval Irish text mentions the island as being in the territory of the Gall-Gaidheil, Norse-Gael people who dominated much of the region around the Irish Sea. "We have got a very unusual and definite historical evidence which puts Bute in the Gall-Gaidheil territory, and possibly quite an important place in the Gall-Gaidheil territory," said Duffy. "What we have now is another brick in the evidential wall which suggests there is an assembly site on Bute." That could link the site to King Ketill Björnsson, a.k.a. Ketill Flatnose, a figure in Icelandic sagas. Icelandic tradition states that the king died on the Scottish islands. To read more, go to "Viking Trading or Raiding?"

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/homenews/144782>

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5/3/16 - NEW THOUGHTS ON A VIKING RUNESTONE

- GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN—Per Homberg of the University of Gothenburg suggests that the inscription on the Rök Runestone, which dates to the late A.D. 800s, does not refer to acts of heroism, kings, and wars, as had been previously thought, but honors the power of writing itself and harnesses it to honor the dead.

Homberg says the Rök Runestone is unusual because its text is long, but its meaning is similar to that expressed on other runestones. "The riddles on the front of the stone have to do with the daylight that we need to be able to read the runes, and on the back are riddles that probably have to do with the carving of the runes and the runic alphabet, the so-called futhark," he said in Laboratory Equipment. In this interpretation, the 24 "kings" mentioned at the bottom of the stone are not rulers, but the set of runes themselves. To read more about the Viking world, go to "The First Vikings."

<http://www.laboratoryequipment.com/news/2016/05/met-a-vikings-runestone-long-thought-honor-kings-actually-monument-writing-itself>

5/2/16 - MEDIEVAL COOLING TOWER UNEARTHED

IN KUWAIT - BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA—According to a report in *The Slovak Spectator*, a joint Kuwaiti-Slovak archaeological team working at the Nestorian Christian settlement of Al-Qusur on Failaka Island in the Persian Gulf unearthed a palace dating from the seventh to ninth centuries, a sewerage system, and the base of a stone tower. "According to a preliminary analysis, it's a unique so-called windcatch-tower, utilizing an ingenious interior cooling system based on the flow of air, caught by openings in the tower superstructure," Matej Ruttkay, director of the Slovak Academy of Sciences'

Archaeological Institute, told the TASR newswire. Similar cooling systems have been found in the Middle East and North Africa. To read in-depth about the site, go to "Archaeology

Island." <http://spectator.sme.sk/c/20153276/slovaks-discover-ancient-air-conditioning-in-kuwait.html>



During the Sheep and Wool Festival demo, we were lucky enough to be treated to some medieval music by this gentleman on his nyckelharpa.

To Bake Eles



This eel pie has a wonderful combination of subtle flavors.

Country: England

Century: 16th

- 2 lbs eel, cut into slivers
- 1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp ginger
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 Tbsp butter
- Pie crust

Mix all ingredients, except the butter, together and put into pie crust. Put butter over mixture and cover pie. Bake at 350 for 45-50 minutes (or until eel is cooked).

Original Recipe sources

Source [[A NEVV BOOKE Of Cookerie](#), T. Gloning (transcr.)]: *To bake Eeles. Cut your Eeles about the length of your finger: season them with Pepper, Salt, and Ginger, and so put them into a Coffin, with a good piece of sweet Butter. Put into your Pye great Razins of the Sunne, and an Onyon minst small, and so close it and bake it.*

With the gracious permission of Lady Avelyn Grene. Check out her website at: <http://www.greneboke.com> and her blog at: <http://greneboke.blogspot.com>

Congratulations!

***For those of you who were not at court
at War of the Roses in Concordia,
congratulations are due to our own
Lady Sisule Butler,
newest member of the Order of the
Silver Brooch. While BBM is currently
most aware of her call to service, her
excellence in the arts has not
gone unnoticed. I expect this to be but
her first East Kingdom award.
Please join me in congratulating her.***

***Eloise,
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