
The Chanticleer

Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain

July, 2019

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King's and Queen's Archery Championships — Summer Solstice Shoot



*Their Majesties, her Highness and the 16 Kings and Queen Archery Finalists
including from our Barony:*

*Ryan Mac Whyte, Dorian of Lewes and Gwilym of Fflint.
Camma an Daraich was one of the finalists but bowed out.*



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Marshal of Thrown Weapons – Vacant

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Web Minister – Lady Sisuil Butler, webminister@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Youth Marshal - Vacant

Combat Arts

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

Archery

CT: BBM - Tuesdays – 5:30 p.m. (weather permitting) 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.

Thursdays (thru October), 7 Jacob's Hill Rd, Ellington, CT, 5:30 p.m. to dark. If there is any chance of cancelation, I will post on the BBM Facebook page. Contact Matthew Soucy (Matteo Genovese) matthewsoucy@ymail.com 774-545-5733.

Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Baron Dorigen of Lewes

Fencing Champion: Agnes de Leon

Heavy Weapons Champion: Svafnir Thorvaldson

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Gwilym of Fflint

Baronial Meeting:

No July meeting.

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.

Introduction to Historic Hand Embroidery: Bayeux Stitches

July 6th, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Plainville, CT

Class size is limited to 6, please confirm your attendance and to get the address from me via facebook messenger.

We have some embroidery hoops, embroidery floss, embroidery needles, scissors, and muslin and scrap linen to practice with, but if you already have any of these items please bring them with you so there is extra in case people do not already have these items to bring.

Also bring snacks to share, between everyone there should be something palatable for everyone. Keep allergies in mind and have ingredients handy just in case, I also have a cat... and children. You are more than welcome to bring your children with you, they can play with mine (ages 7 and 9). We have legos and a fenced in yard on a dead-end street.

Mundane dress

Becky Belanger
Dýrfinna Sigurdardóttir



Charlotte receiving the Baronial Order of Defense

June 10, 2019

Baronial Meeting

Officer reports

MOL - Will be working the Rapier at Kings and Queens Archery. Does not need to do Heavy, Angus will do it.

Knight Marshal - Will be marshaling the Heavy at K&Q Archery. The practice at Leffingwell on Saturdays is going well. The site loves us! Matteo wants to be thrown weapons marshal and no one had objections this month, Confirm in August.

Exchequer - Anarra, cash your check! We have \$18,868.10

Chatelaine - has new person interested in Heavy fighting who will be at K&Q Archery

Web minister--The pace of changes to the website has slowed, and at this point I am working on maintenance and updates. Projects for the future are to add a photo gallery of people in the barony doing things, and people doing things in the barony. That will likely happen slowly, as I will need content, and permission to use said content. Please remind people at meeting that I would love feed back on the website, and am more than happy to include things on the calendar - they just need to EMAIL the webminister and the seneschal with the details, and an explicit permission to publish their contact information online.

Also, when responding to newcomers, particularly on FB, it is helpful to include a link to our website. Not only is it our official presence, but it will provide much of the information they need - particularly the calendar.

Chronicler - PLEASE send her things for the newsletter

Meeting site for August - Ciara will find us one.
No July meeting because of Pennsic

Sewing and throwing has been moved to Sunday the 23rd

Summer solstice shoot - Anarra will send out many e-mails. We put together the site tokens at the meeting. Anarra and Leandra approved Aurelia to buy \$20 worth of bug screens for outdoor food out of the K&Q Archery event budget.

Archaeology News

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

Pennsic - fabric wall - it mildewed last year. Aurelia will do her best to de-mildew it for this year and we can address what we want to do for next year at the August meeting.

Yule - Gwenllian will confirm with TRH if they will attend or not (probably not). Anarra will e-mail the silent auction sheets to Severin.

Golden seamstress - Gwenllian and Mark may have found a suitable site. Will discuss with Ciara.

Regional youth practice - Karrah the Mischevious will do a youth practice at the Leffingwell fight practice site on Saturday 22 June from 11 to 4.

Regional thrown practice at Matteo's house.

Broiler pans - we approved the money to buy three for up to \$150 total. Aurelia and Suisile to get together on who will order and where to ship them (Aurelia is home all day and also has Amazon Prime).

\$200.00 donation to New Britain Public Library was approved. We wrote a check and Anarra gave it to the library.



6/28/19 – Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity Yields Ancient Baptismal Font - BETHLEHEM, WEST BANK—According to a *Live Science*

report, conservators working in the Church of the Nativity, an ancient Christian church thought to mark the site of the birthplace of Jesus, have discovered a small baptismal font within a larger one dated to the sixth or seventh century A.D. Ziad al-Bandak, head of the Restoration Commission for the Church of the Nativity, said the stone of the smaller font appears to be made of the same sort of stone as the church’s columns, and so may date to the construction of the church in the early fourth century A.D. Further study of the font is being planned. To read about the search for additional fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls, go to “Scroll Search.” <https://www.livescience.com/65826-jesus-birthplace-baptismal-fonts-found.html>

6/27/19 - Possible Traces of Lady Jane Grey’s Home Uncovered in England - LEICESTER, ENGLAND—

Excavations at the site of the ruins of brick buildings of Bradgate House, which is located in the East Midlands, have uncovered stone structures that archaeologists say may have been the foundations of the home of Lady Jane Grey, according to a *Leicestershire Live* report. Jane, a Protestant great-granddaughter of Henry VII, succeeded Edward VI to the throne under the terms of his will. She was queen of England for nine days in 1553, but she lost the support of the Privy Council of England and was deposed and eventually executed by Roman Catholic Mary Tudor. The first structures at Bradgate House were built in 1520 by Thomas Grey, second marquis of Dorset. Lady Jane Grey is thought to have been born there in 1537. “Our evidence suggests that the home Lady Jane Grey would have recognized may have looked very different from what we see today,” said Richard Thomas of the University of Leicester. “We will be trying to date their construction and when they were demolished to make way for the current structures.” For more, go to “The Many Lives of an English Manor House.”

<https://www.leicesterm Mercury.co.uk/news/local-news/archaeologists-uncover-original-home-lady-3017878>

6/25/19 - New Thoughts on Gender Differences in Elite Viking Burials - OSLO, NORWAY—According to a *Science Nordic*

report, Marianne Moen of the University of Oslo examined the contents of more than 200 Viking graves in southeastern Norway, and found that elite Viking men and women may not have had clearly differentiated gender roles, since they were often buried with the same types of artifacts, including cooking equipment, jewelry, and keys. “The key is a good example. It is often considered to be the symbol of a

housewife,” Moen said, though keys were discovered in almost as many men's graves as women's graves. Moen suggests cooking equipment, which is often interpreted as a sign of housekeeping, was included in the graves as a symbol of hospitality. Critics of this idea counter that men would have probably cooked for themselves while on long sea voyages, but may not have done so while at home. To read about a burial now believed to contain the remains of a female Viking warrior, go to “Viking Warriress.” <http://sciencenordic.com/viking-men-were-buried-cooking-gear>

6/24/19 - France's King Louis IX May Have Suffered From Scurvy - PARIS, FRANCE—*Live Science* reports that Philippe Charlier of the Musée du quai Branly-Jacques-Chirac and his colleagues examined a medieval jawbone that was buried in Notre Dame Cathedral and said to belong to Louis IX, also known as St. Louis, who was king of France during the Eighth Crusade. The researchers found that the jawbone's owner suffered from a severe case of scurvy, a disease caused by vitamin C deficiency and characterized by gum disease, loss of teeth, anemia, and a weakened immune system. Charlier said the jawbone had the right shape to have belonged to a 56-year-old man—Louis' age at death—and resembled sculptures of the king in the cathedral. Louis died in 1270 while besieging Tunis, where he ate a diet comprised mostly of fish, which is low in vitamin C. Medieval chronicler Jean de Joinville wrote that the soldiers in Louis' army suffered from gum necrosis, and barbers had to cut the dead tissue out of their mouths. Radiocarbon dating of the jawbone indicated its owner died between A.D. 1030 and 1220, but the king's low-carbon fish diet may have skewed the results, potentially making the bone seem older than it really is, the researchers explained. For more on medieval France, go to “Islam North of the Pyrenees.” <https://www.livescience.com/65778-crusader-king-louis-scurvy.html>

6/21/19 - Sixth-Century Town Surveyed in Spain - ALCALÁ DE HENARES, SPAIN—*Live Science* reports that researchers led by Michael McCormick of Harvard University and Lauro Olmo Enciso of the University of Alcalá have conducted a geomagnetic survey of the site of Reccopolis, a walled town constructed in A.D. 578 by King Leovigild, ruler of the Visigoths. The project revealed that the town spilled out beyond the boundary of its walls. “It's really remarkable to see the Visigothic monarchy coming together at this time and assembling the resources to be able to found a new city,” McCormick said. At the time, volcanic eruptions had brought on what is known as the Late Antique Little Ice Age, a period usually associated with imperial collapse, famine, mass migrations, and an outbreak of bubonic plague. One large building identified during the survey is oriented toward Mecca, and its floor plan resembles that of mosques in the Middle East, McCormick added. It may date to the period after the Islamic conquest of the region in A.D. 711. For more on Spain in the medieval period, go to “Spain's Lost Jewish History.”

<https://www.livescience.com/65760-visigoth-reccopolis-city-revealed.html>

6/17/19 - Medieval Tower Discovered at Slovakian Castle - MARKUŠOVSKÝ, SLOVAKIA—*The Slovak Spectator* reports that the base of a circular tower thought to date to the end of the thirteenth or beginning of the fourteenth centuries has been discovered at Markušovský Castle, which is located in eastern Slovakia. Markušovský Castle was first mentioned in historic documents dating back to A.D. 1284, when the Máriassy family was given the right to build it. Archaeologist Kamil Švaňa said the tower, which may have been residential as well as part of the castle's defensive system, may have been part of the first phase of construction and could help confirm the identification of the site. “We found the remains of the entrance to the tower's lower floor under the level of terrain,” Švaňa explained. The upper part of the tower may have been dismantled and reused in the construction of newer parts of the castle, he added. A bronze bell and two coins dated to the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries were also uncovered. To read in-depth about medieval castles, go to “Inside the Anarchy.” <https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22141417/bases-of-tower-from-turn-of-the-13th-and-14th-centuries-found-while-reconstructing-the-castle.html>



6/12/19 - Decorated Medieval Leather Found in Northern England - YORK, ENGLAND—*The York Press* reports that a piece of leather thought to date to the medieval period was unearthed during work to replace a high-voltage cable near the center of the city of York. Toby Kendall of the York Archaeological Trust said the piece of leather, which is decorated with an image of a dragon or another sort of mythical beast with wings, horns, and a tail, was found in waterlogged soil that was disturbed when sewers were installed more than 100 years ago. For more on archaeology in York, go to “Off with Their Heads.”

<https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/17698214.dragon-found-in-york-street/>

6/11/19 - Skulls Stored In Medieval Crypt Examined - NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, ENGLAND—According to a *BBC News* report, archaeologists have investigated five skulls out of the remains of some 2,500 people held in a thirteenth-century crypt under the aisle of Holy Trinity Church, in England's East Midlands. Lizzy Craig-Atkins of the University of Sheffield said one of the skulls was fractured, likely by an act of violence. The bones in the crypt date from 1250 to 1900, and may have been exhumed and moved to the crypt after the graveyard became too full, Craig-Atkins explained. For more on England in the Middle Ages, go to "Letter from England: Writing on the Church Wall."

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-northamptonshire-48519799>

6/5/19 - Gemstone Workshop Discovered at Medieval Island Site - NITRA, SLOVAKIA—*The Slovak Spectator* reports that a Nestorian Christian community dating to the seventh and eighth centuries A.D. is being mapped and investigated on Failaka Island, which is located in the Persian Gulf. Karol Pieta of the Archaeological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences said the people who lived in the settlement of more than 140 buildings kept cattle, grew grain, and processed semiprecious stones. "The extensive collection of raw materials has been preserved in the complex, semiprecious stones, mostly amethysts, which probably originate from Sri Lanka and are evidence of long-distance trade," Pieta said, adding that the amethysts were carved into bead shapes that were fashionable and in demand in Europe. Ceramics and decorated glass jars were also uncovered at the site. To read in-depth about investigations on Failaka, go to "Archaeology Island." <https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22136192/slovak-archaeologists-found-gemstones-of-old-christian-community-in-kuwait.html>

6/5/19 - Possible Bishop's Tomb Dating to Holy Roman Empire Examined - MAINZ, GERMANY—*DW.com* reports that a team of researchers used a pulley to lift the 1,500-pound lid from a sarcophagus in the central nave of St. Johannis Church, one of the oldest Christian churches in western Germany. The tomb is thought to belong to Erkanbald, Archbishop of Mainz, who died in A.D. 1021. Archaeologist Guido Faccani said the poorly preserved human remains were likely covered in quicklime at the time of burial. "Not even teeth could be found," he said. The researchers did, however, recover pieces of fabric, cloth shoes, and what may have been bishop's headwear. "It's still possible that it's him," Faccani said. The scientists plan to radiocarbon date the contents of the sarcophagus and analyze DNA extracted from tissue and bone samples. To read in-depth about a Roman-era settlement in Germany, go to "The Road Almost Taken." <https://www.dw.com/en/germany-1000-year-old-sarcophagus-opened-in-mainz/a-49059143>

6/5/19 - Medieval Ammunition Unearthed in Bulgaria - SVISHTOV, BULGARIA—*Archaeology in Bulgaria* reports that an excavation conducted by Nikolay Ovcharov of Bulgaria's National Institute and Museum of Archaeology unearthed a collection of small cannonballs at the well-preserved site of Zishtova Fortress, on the Danube River in northern Bulgaria. The cannonballs are thought to have been ammunition for a medieval form of cannon known as a culverin. They may have been fired in 1461, when the Ottoman-held fortress was conquered by Vlad the Impaler, who ruled Wallachia, a region between the Danube and the Carpathian Mountains. "We rejoice at those small cannonballs because they are from culverins," Ovcharov said. Since the weapons were only used from the fifteenth to the sixteenth centuries, he added, this means the cannonballs likely date to Vlad the Impaler's time. Zishtova Fortress was in use until 1810, when it was burned by Russian troops during one of the Russian-Turkish Wars. To read about another discovery in Bulgaria, go to "Thracian Treasure Chest." <http://archaeologyinbulgaria.com/2019/05/30/culverin-cannonballs-from-vlad-draculas-1461-victory-over-ottoman-turks-found-in-danube-fortress-zishtova-in-bulgarias-svishtov/>



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