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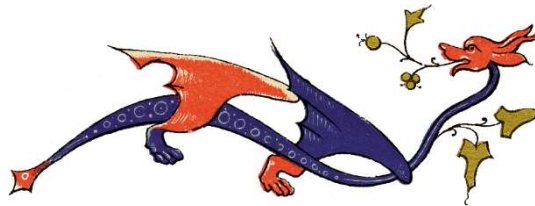
Out With the Old – In With the New!

Greetings from Lady Johanna de Glastingburi, your outgoing Chronicler!

After 12 years as your Chronicler, this will be my last newsletter. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me along the way. Lady Evaine fyrdd Brangwen, our former Chronicler of 21 years, who showed me the ropes. Lady Emma Attewater, who helped me with the initial setup and was my deputy for many years. I would also like to thank everyone who send me content for the newsletter. It certainly made my job easier! Finally, thanks to Mistress Eloise of Coulter for being my deputy and for taking over the position. I leave you in excellent hands. She has a way with words that I could never dream of reaching.

Thank you for trusting me as your Chronicler.

Johanna



Greetings unto the people of the Barony Beyond the Mountain, from Mistress Eloise of Coulter, your incoming Chronicler!

After many years of diligent service, Lady Johanna is stepping down as Chronicler, and I am honored that it pleases the Barony for me to take on this position. My hope is that I can do at least as well as she has, and as Lady Evaine did before her.

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Baronial Officers:

Baron & Baroness - Baron Mark Red Hand, baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org, and Baroness Gwenllian ferch Llewellyn, baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org

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Marshal of Thrown Weapons – Vacant

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Web Minister – Lady Sisuile 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 (Closed for year), 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@gmail.com 774-545-5733.

Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Baron Dorigen of Lewes

Fencing Champion: Agnes de Leon

Heavy Weapons Champion: Baron Angus Gove McKinnon

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Gwilym of Fflint

Baronial Meeting:

Sunday, December 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wheeler Library, 101 Main St., North Stonington, 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.

Photos by:
Mistress Eloise of Coulter and
Mistress Fiona O'Maille

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For those who may not know me, I have been a member of the Society and the Barony since 1987. There was a brief interregnum while I resided outside the borders, but it did not appreciably affect my participation. In that time I have served as a Canton herald, an event steward, kitchen staff, and most recently as Baroness (now retired.) I am also currently serving as your Baronial Webminister. If you would like to know more about me, you can look at my entry in the East Kingdom wiki (wiki.eastkingdom.org.) or ask me at a meeting, or a workshop, or an event.

In the electronic age in which we dwell, many people make the argument that newsletters are an obsolete resource. A waste of time and energy to which no one pays any attention. I beg to differ. A newsletter – a rendition of the news specific to the Barony, serves many purposes. It provides an official voice for the officers and the group; it serves as a useful distillation of information from many other sources; and possibly most importantly, it records and memorializes OUR history. We say that all the information in the world is available online – but how many broken links are there? How many disappeared websites? How many obsolete platforms that once contained a rich history of people and happenings, now lost?

As an enthusiast of history, participating in a group dedicated to the research and recreation of historic practices, I believe that the preservation of our history as a Barony is a noble use of my time to record it, and your time to read it. And write it!

As both of my predecessors have before me, I am going to ask all of you to assist me in this endeavor by providing content! Articles, news, book reviews, photographs – I want them ALL. Our newsletter will be as rich or as lean as you help me make it. And I will give you the same warning now that I gave you when I stepped up as Baroness:

If you don't provide me with content, I will be forced to Make Stuff Up. Do you really want that?

I very much look forward to this new endeavor, and the opportunity to further serve the Barony that has been so good to me over the decades. If you have

thoughts, or ideas, or questions, please come and talk to me – I would love to hear them.

I'm the one in The Wimple.

~Eloise



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Archaeology News

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

11/27/19 - 1,000-Year-Old Ship Burial Found in Norway - OSLO, NORWAY—The Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research (NIKU) announced that a ship burial and a settlement have been spotted with high-resolution georadar in northwestern Norway by a team of researchers led by Knut Paasche of NIKU's Department of Digital Archaeology. Paasche said the surviving section of the ship measures about 40 feet long, lies close to the surface, and was once covered with a burial mound measuring some 60 feet in diameter. The ends of the ship are thought to have been destroyed by plowing. The researchers estimate the vessel is more than 1,000 years old, but they have not yet been able to date the nearby settlement. To read about another ship burial, go to "The Vikings' Wide Reach."
<https://www.niku.no/en/2019/11/new-ship-burial-found-in-norway/>

11/26/19 - Early Viking-Era Brooch Uncovered in Estonia - VARJA, ESTONIA—*Estonian Public Broadcasting* reports that a box-shaped brooch dated to the late eighth or ninth century A.D. was recovered in northeastern Estonia, near a Viking-era trade route and possible farmstead site. Archaeologist Mauri Kiudsoo of Tallinn University said the well-preserved brooch was cast in bronze

in a single piece and was probably fastened with a steel pin, which has been lost. He thinks the brooch may have belonged to a woman who had been born on the island of Gotland, where hundreds of such ornaments have been found. To read Viking boat burials found on an Estonian island, go to "The First Vikings."

<https://news.err.ee/1006840/rare-box-shaped-viking-brooch-found-in-northeastern-estonia>



11/22/19 - Grave Exhumed in Pursuit of 16th-Century French Philosopher - BORDEAUX, FRANCE—Human remains have been discovered in the basement of a Christian convent in southwestern France that now houses the Aquitaine Museum, according to an AFP-JIJI report. The remains are thought to belong to the sixteenth-century statesman and philosopher Michel de Montaigne, who died in 1592 at the age of 59. His body was moved several times after his death, leading to confusion over his final resting place. Museum director Laurent Vedrine said the basement tomb contained a wooden coffin bearing the word "Montaigne." Bordeaux city archaeologist Helene Reveillas added that researchers then used a camera to look inside a lead coffin within the wooden one, and spotted a femur, a pelvic bone, and a skull. Scientists will now analyze the bones to determine the person's sex and age at death, and look for traces of kidney stones, which Montaigne is known to have had. To read about the grave of a seventeenth-century French aristocratic woman discovered, go to "For the Love of a Noblewoman." <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/11/21/world/french-museum-probably-found-remains-philosopher-michel-de-montaigne/#.Xez2qndFyUI>

11/21/19 - Double Viking Boat Burial Discovered in Norway - TRONDHEIM, NORWAY

—The Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) announced the discovery of a single grave in central Norway containing the poorly preserved remains of two people who had been interred on separate occasions. The original burial dates to the eighth century A.D. and consists of a boat measuring nearly 32 feet long, in which the remains of a man and weapons were found. Some 100 years later, this burial was carefully excavated, and the remains of a woman were placed in a boat measuring about 26 feet long, which was then carefully fitted into the older, larger vessel. Buried with the woman were two large shell-shaped brooches made of gilded bronze, a crucifix-shaped brooch made from an Irish harness fitting, a pearl necklace, two scissors, a spindle whorl, and a cow head. NTNU archaeologist Raymond Sauvage said only the wooden keel of the smaller boat survived, but the boats' rivets revealed their positions in the grave. The two people were likely related, Sauvage explained. The researchers hope to be able to extract information about the woman's appearance, health, and where she lived from her few remaining skull bones. NTNU historian Aina Heen Pettersen added that the crucifix-shaped brooch may have been crafted from an Irish harness fitting acquired during a trade expedition or a raid, reflecting the status of the woman's family. To read about boat burials of slain warriors found on an Estonian island, go to "The First Vikings."

<https://norwegianscitechnews.com/2019/11/mysterious-viking-boat-graves-unearthed-in-central-norway/>



11/21/19 - 1,400-Year-Old Anglo-Saxon Burial Unearthed in Canterbury - CANTERBURY, ENGLAND—

Kent Online reports that archaeologists investigating a site ahead of a construction project on the grounds of Christ Church University in southeastern England uncovered the remains of a young Anglo-Saxon woman who was buried sometime between A.D. 580 and 600. The grave was close to St. Augustine's Abbey, which was first constructed in the early seventh century A.D. by Christian monks who arrived in Canterbury in A.D. 597. The woman was wearing a disc brooch made of silver inlaid with garnets, a necklace of amber and glass beads, a belt fastened with a copper alloy buckle, and a copper alloy bracelet. The garnets in the brooch, which was probably a gift from Kentish royalty, are thought to have been imported from Sri Lanka. The researchers suggest the woman may have known the Kentish King Ethelbert and Queen Bertha. Andrew Richardson of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust said the burial suggests that people of high status were buried at the site before the cemetery at the Christian abbey was established. To read about a box discovered in an Anglo-Saxon woman's grave that may have been used to hold personal items, go to "Artifact." <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/canterbury/news/archaeologists-unearth-extremely-exciting-human-remains-and-jewels-216767/>



11/13/19 - High-Status Medieval House Uncovered in Wales - CARDIFF, WALES—*BBC News* reports that the remains of a high-status

building thought to date to about A.D. 1450 were found next to the thirteenth-century ruins of a structure known as the Old Bishop's Castle during an archaeological investigation ahead of a construction project. Volunteers helped to uncover the building's surviving walls, which stand about six feet tall and more than three feet thick. In addition the excavators unearthed a fireplace, checkered ceramic floor tiles, animal bones, horse shoes, and a thirteenth-century French counting token, known as a jeton. Archaeologist Tim Young said the fireplace was built with distinctive stone imported from Bath, which had also been used in the construction of the nearby Llandaff Cathedral. To read about a summer drought that exposed the outlines of a medieval castle in Wales, go to "The Marks of Time." https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-50376074?intlink_from_url=https://www.bbc.com/news/science_and_environment&link_location=live-reporting-story



Dorian's Silver Crescent

11/12/19 - Possible Medieval Synagogue Identified in Bulgaria - VELIKO TURNOVO, BULGARIA—According to a *Sofia Globe* report, archaeologists led by Mirko Robov of the Bulgarian National Archaeological Institute announced that a structure located near northwestern Bulgaria's Trapezitsa Fortress site may have been a synagogue. The building, which is lined with stone slabs and measures about 70 feet long on the east-west axis and 38 feet wide on the north-south axis, is thought to date to the middle of the thirteenth century. The entrance to the structure, placed on the western side, featured a massive door. The apse built with two columns and an arch stood on the eastern side. Robov said the building was situated in what had been a Jewish neighborhood known as Turnovo, founded by Jewish immigrants

from Constantinople and Venice under the thirteenth-century rule of Tsar Asen II. In the fourteenth century, however, Tsar Ivan Alexander persecuted members of Turnovo's Jewish community. For more on Bulgarian archaeology, go to "Iconic Discovery."

<https://sofiaglobe.com/2019/11/11/archaeologists-church-found-at-bulgarias-trapezitsa-site-may-have-been-synagogue/>

11/11/19 - Medieval Shipwreck Discovered in Russia - KAZAN, RUSSIA—Samara Polytech announced the discovery of a boat dated to the late fourteenth or early fifteenth century in the Volga River in southwestern Russia. A survey conducted with underwater ultrasound scanners revealed the wreckage measures more than 160 feet long and 65 feet wide. Under 30 feet of water, much of the ship is covered in silt, but the ultrasound images revealed its timbers, a large chain, and ropes. Team leader Ekaterina Semenova said such a large ship may have been built in Asia, Scandinavia, or Western Europe, although there were also Slavic settlements along the Volga at the time. It is not clear if the vessel was used for trade or military purposes. In addition, a corroded metal nail recovered from the shipwreck was examined using X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy at Samara Polytech and atomic emission spectroscopy at Samara University, and found to consist of nearly pure iron, which is consistent with a medieval date for the vessel. To read about the naturally mummified remains of a woman discovered in the Russian High Arctic, go to "Arctic Ice Maiden." <https://phys.org/wire-news/334662776/an-ancient-boat-was-found-near-samara.html>

11/5/19 - Scholars Analyze England's Staffordshire Hoard - BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND—After a decade of research, archaeologists led by Chris Fern of the University of York think that the seventh-century A.D. gold and garnet artifacts known as the Staffordshire Hoard were captured by the armies of Mercia's King Penda from his rivals in Northumbria and East Anglia, according to a report in *The Guardian*. Although almost 80 percent of the identified objects are fittings from weapons, a large processional cross in the collection suggests Anglo-Saxons may have carried Christian items into battle. The scholars have also identified a unique gold and garnet artifact as an ornament worn on top of a bishop's headpiece. Both of these items had been bent before they were buried. It had been previously thought that gold weapons were limited to Anglo-Saxon kings, but a class of elite warriors

may have wielded the 50 gold sword pommels found in the hoard. King Penda, who died in A.D. 655, is known to have defeated and killed the East Anglian kings Sigeberht and Anna, successors of Raedwald, who is thought to have been the occupant of the Anglo-Saxon ship burial at Sutton Hoo, which was discovered in 1939. Perhaps King Penda seized some of this treasure from their stores, Fern said. To read about a silver hoard that suggests an alliance between the kings of Wessex and Mercia to defend England from the Vikings, go to "Alfred the Great's Forgotten Ally."



Hubert the Boar's Head

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**Congratulations to the following
who received awards at Yule:**

**Lady Agnes deLeon – Defender of the Oak
& received her AOA at 100 Minutes War**

**Lord Thrainn Steinsson - Defender of the
Oak & Master Thrower Badge**

**Lord Matteo Genovese – White Oak &
Master Thrower Badge**

Lady Safiya al-Naghira – Sun and Soil

Margot de la Mer – AoA

Baron Dorian – Silver Crescent

**Baron Angus Gove McKinnon became the
new Heavy List Champion**



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