

# From The Tower



**Barony of Southron Gaard**  
**January A.S. L (2016 C.E.)**



## Chronic Ramblings

Welcome to another From The Tower.

I imagine that you're all flat out preparing for the biggest Canterbury Faire ever. Having such a big faire will inevitably result in extraordinary pressures on the stewarding team. Try to remember that it is their holiday too and if you see something that needs doing consider whether you can take care of it yourself.

If you're a regular at practices on Sundays please check the calendar carefully as meetings continue to be disrupted in the next month. If you are not sure please ask on the SG list or contact the relevant officer (listed in the regnum on page 10).

I would love to see your stuff in FTT – photographs\*, original artwork, reviews, articles, poems, recipes etc. Please send your contributions to the [chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org) email address by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Yours, in service to Southron Gaard,

**Eleanora**

\* Please ensure that you have permission to publish the photographs of anyone identifiable in your photos.

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# Kingdom of Lochac



King & Queen: Steffan Glaube and Branwen verch Lewis ap Thomas

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Additional information can be found on the Kingdom website: [www.lochac.sca.org](http://www.lochac.sca.org).

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## Their Excellencies Speak

Unto Our well beloved populace,  
do Oswyn and Isabel Maria,  
by the grace of Their Royal Majesties of Lochac,  
Fifth Baron and Baroness Southron Gaard,  
send warmest greetings, in this, the final month of Our reign.

During the past four years we have been extraordinarily privileged to be tasked with the duty of caring for Southron Gaard and her generous, talented, skilled and inspiring populace. As we find our time draws to an end, it is not without some regret that we prepare to pass this task onto THL Richard d'Allier and THL Ginevra Isabella di Serafino Visconti, but we find considerable solace in their energy and enthusiasm for the role.

Taking on the role of Baron or Baroness is to take on a heavy burden that cannot be managed alone, and is only possible with considerable help from the populace. We have been very fortunate that many individuals have assisted us during our tenure, from members of our Court, to Officers, and to people who have simply lent a hand. We thank you all and hope you all know that your

efforts have allowed us to be your Baron and Baroness - we could not have done it without you. We hope that you, the people of Southron Gaard, will offer the same support to our successors and help them as they find their feet in the role.

The investiture of a new Baron and Baroness is a sign of a healthy Barony and is a time of great joy. It signals a new beginning, with new ideas and new approaches. It is an exciting time. We wish Richard and Ginevra the energy to implement their dreams, the support to maintain their enthusiasm, and the inspiration to ensure their ongoing enjoyment of the Society. We look forward to seeing Southron Gaard prosper in the coming years.

In loyal service to Crown and Kingdom

***Oswyn and Isabel Maria***

Baron and Baroness of  
Southron Gaard



## Seneschal's Comments

Greetings All,

As my term as seneschal comes to a close I must say a heart-felt thank you to those of you who have contributed and assisted me to serve the Barony over the last couple of years. To all of the event stewards and helpers, officers and deputies and everyone else that has taken on a project, thank you. It is all too easy to take each other for granted but you all should know that every time a call has been made and a request for assistance granted, someone appreciates it.

Special thanks must go to Baron Oswyn Carolus and Baroness Isabel Maria for their support and efforts. I hope with their upcoming divestiture they can look back on what has undoubtedly been a difficult time and feel some measure of pride in the group and their own achievements. Also many thanks to the officers, particularly Lady Eva and Barones Eleanora for their efforts as Chronieler, Baroness Agnes as Arts and Sciences, Lady Elena as Marshal, Lady Mahesti and Lord James as Reeve, Sir Phillipe as Chatelaine, THL Ginevra as webwright, Lord Raffé as Quartermaster and Constable, and Lord Bjorn as Constable and Captain of Archers. All of these offices require ongoing efforts, on a weekly or monthly basis, and therefore involve a high level of commitment and very little fanfare. Also particular thanks to THL Aveline who has not only been a highly-energetic

herald but has contributed significantly to the group in a range of other ways, as steward, Canterbury Faire Meal Plan co-ordinator and a senior member of Wildmoor.

All of these people and many others, deserve our thanks and praise. Without them the group would be a mere shadow of its glory.

Looking back at my first seneschal column two years ago, I'm pleased that we have been able to accomplish almost all of what I had planned to do during my term, including running a Crown event. There is still plenty of work to do, but it is with some relief that I pass the burden of office to Lord Maximillian von Monsterburg. I know he has many plans of his own and I ask that you all support him in these endeavours.

I hope to see you all at Faire. It will be a doozy. When you are there please take a moment to personally thank the people that have put their time and energy into making the event happen. Hundreds and hundreds of hours are required to get things organised, so if something goes wrong or isn't quite on time, rather than criticising, consider how next time you might volunteer and share the effort so that the event can be as fantastic as we can make it.

Kind regards,

*THL Richard d'Allier*  
Seneschal of Southron Gaard

## From the Officers

### Arts and Sciences for January

The coming couple of months are disrupted a bit for A&S in central Southron Gaard and Wildmoor have stopped A&S for the holidays.

The Hall will be open on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January for panicky-last-minute-before-faire stuff but be closed on the 17<sup>th</sup> (faire) and the weekend after (laundry). February should see a return to normal programming.

In between though there are plenty of A&S things at faire to keep you inspired for the rest of the year... enjoy!

### Vacancies

If you are interested in a role please review the job outline at <http://sg.lochac.sca.org/docs/OfficerDescriptions.doc> Please note that all officers must be SCA members.

#### Knight Marshal

Lady Elena Sophia di Luciano de Medici's term as Knight Marshal is up at Baronial Anniversary and she would like applications by the 15<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that it is **not** required that you be an authorised marshal or combatant to be the group's Knight Marshal, see the marshal's handbook available from <http://www.sca.org.au/marshal/>.

Email your application to: [marshal@lochac.sca.org](mailto:marshal@lochac.sca.org) with copies to [seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org) & [bandb@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:bandb@sg.lochac.sca.org).

#### Chirurgion

Have you got a First Aid Certificate? Do you want to be the new Chirurgion?

Email your application to: [chirurgion@lochac.sca.org](mailto:chirurgion@lochac.sca.org) with copies to [seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org) & [bandb@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:bandb@sg.lochac.sca.org).

# TWELFTH NIGHT

## at Canterbury Faire 2016

### Paradiso y Purgatorio

Southron Gaard hosts Canterbury Faire with all the added splendour of a Lochac Coronation including; Champions Tournaments, Masked Ball, celebratory Feast, Court, Carnivale, and the Coronation of the new King and Queen

Coronation Festivities:        Fri 15 – Sun 17 January  
 Canterbury Faire:            Thu 14 – Fri 22 January  
 (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> available for set up of event crew and large encampments by prior arrangement)

Location:                        137 Darnley Road, Waipara, New Zealand  
 Steward:                        Isabel Maria del Aguila, [cf@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:cf@sg.lochac.sca.org)

### Pricing:

Full Event:

after 1 Dec	Adult \$155.00,	Child \$75.00
Day trip (24hour):	Adult \$20.00,	Child \$10.00
Meal Plan:	Adult \$80.00,	Child \$45.00
Feast:	Adult \$30.00,	Child \$15.00
Repast:	Adult \$12.00,	Child \$10.00
Tent Hire:	\$35.00	
Bunkrooms:	\$ 2.50 (per night)	
Mattresses:	\$12.00 (whole event)	
T-shirt:	\$25.00	
Script Bag:	\$15.00	

Bookings and more information at <http://sg.lochac.sca.org/cf/>



You are hereby cordially invited to the Southron Gaard

# Baronial Anniversary

## 20:50

(SG 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, SCA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Guest starring

## ‘The AS50 known world tapestry tour’

Being an Extravaganza over 3 days, beginning WITH A POT LUCK DINNER AND INTERESTING CONVERSATION on

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016

from

6:00pm

at

The Hermitage, 74 Augusta St. Redcliffs

Continuing with competitions, a&s activities, tour talks and a ‘ramblers repast’ over the course of

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April

From 10am - 11pm

And

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April

From

10am - 1pm

Bromley Community Centre & Bromley Old school reserve

(Public tapestry viewings from 2pm to 5pm Sunday)

Watch this space for more details!

Bookings close thurs 31<sup>st</sup> march or when sold out

Brought to you by

Mistress katherine kerr

THL Ginevra Isabella di Serafino Visconti

And

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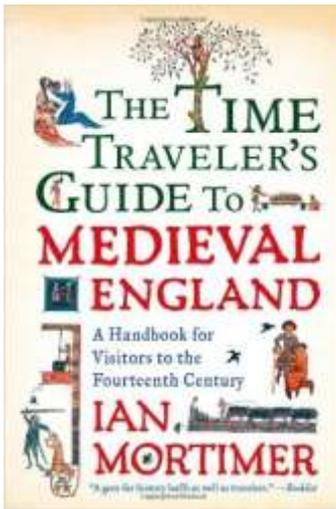
## Resource of the Month:

### The Time Travellers' Guides by Ian Mortimer

In our goal of creating a medieval experience reading history books and articles can be useful, but can also sometimes make it harder to make the break with the modern era. Most history books encourage us in thinking of medieval people as 'them' rather than 'us'. If you find yourself at events saying things like "they did such and such" then consider reading one of the Time Traveller's guides below.

Ian Mortimer is a historian who takes a different approach to telling history. In his "Time Travelers' Guide to Medieval England" he writes "As soon as you start to think of the past *happening* (as opposed to it having happened), a new way of writing history becomes possible. The very idea of traveling to the middle ages allows us to consider the past in greater breadth – to discover more about the problems which the English have had to face, the delights they found in life, and what they themselves were like."

#### The Time Travelers' Guide to Medieval England, A Handbook for Visitors to the Fourteenth Century



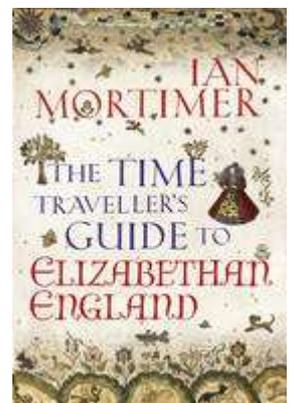
As noted above this book seeks to drop you direct into fourteenth century England. Throughout the book everything is presented from the viewpoint of you being there experiencing it which really brings it to life and gives the period an immediacy that is rare. This is, however, a social history, not a fictional account and it's well foot noted and occasionally supported with tables of information etc.

It starts with the landscape and covers pretty much everything you'd need to know from there. Where to stay, how to keep out of trouble, what to wear and eat. What I appreciated most about it was that it attempts to paint a balanced picture of the period. It's not all bad, or all good. It points out what was really very different, and what was really very similar and busts a lot of the common modern myths about the period.

#### The Time Traveler's Guide to Elizabethan England

Recreating the success of the above title, Ian brings us to Elizabeth's England where much is similar, but much has changed. There's a whole chapter dedicated to religion as this is a time where your religion can get you killed. In this book you really get a sense of a period that is more the beginnings of the modern age than the end of the medieval. And yet in some ways it feels like things are slipping backwards.

Crime and government, medicine, poverty, corruption, farming, feasting and much more are covered, all from the perspective of the contemporary observer, not knowing the future, struggling in a time of great uncertainty.



Even if neither of these periods is your time or place of interest I think that these books are a worthwhile read if only because they give you a novel point of view from which to gaze upon whatever period you do consider 'home'.

# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery	4	5	6 Council Meeting ONLINE only	7	8	9
10 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery	11	12	13	14	15 Canterbury Faire	16 Canterbury Faire
17 Canterbury Faire	18 Canterbury Faire	19 Canterbury Faire	20 Canterbury Faire	21 Canterbury Faire	22 Canterbury Faire	23
24 Scout Hall closed Heavy Combat? Rapier? Archery?	25 FTT deadline	26	27	28	29	30
31 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery						

## MARTIAL PRACTICES

### Armoured Combat

**Sundays** 10am–noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

**Thursdays** 6-8pm in the park at the end of Jasmine Place, Wigram

### Rapier

**Sundays** from noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

### Archery

**Fine Sundays** at Northcote School grounds, meet at Redwood Scout Hall.

Email: [archers@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:archers@sg.lochac.sca.org)

## ARTS GATHERINGS

### Arts & Sciences

**Sundays** from 11:00am at Redwood Scout Hall.

Topics or projects to be announced on SG list and Facebook.

### Wildmoor

Wildmoor Arts and Sciences meetings stopped for summer holidays.

### UCMRS Dance

**Mondays** 7pm -8:30pm in KF08. Kirkwood Village.

## ORGANISATIONAL MEETING

### Council Meeting

**Second Wednesday** of the month, from 7:30pm.

Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road.

Or join online: details posted to the SG list

*All welcome*

## February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Waitangi Day
7 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery	8 Waitangi Day observed	9	10 Council Meeting	11	12	13
14 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery	22	23	24	25 FTT deadline	26	27
28 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery	29					

### Southron Gaard Regnum

Being a list of the current Baronial Officers and their official email addresses.

<b>Baron &amp; Baroness:</b>	Oswyn Carolus and Isabel Maria del Aguila	<a href="mailto:BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org">BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
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* Seeking replacement: see vacancies page		

## SCA (NZ) Inc. Membership

There are two different types of membership available to event participants in New Zealand:

### Subscribing Membership:

Grants full rights of participation in the SCA (including voting, entering Crown Tournaments, holding office and affiliate membership with overseas branches).

Subscribing membership also includes a subscription to Pegasus, the Lochac Kingdom Newsletter in either electronic or paper form.

1 Year with E-Pegasus	\$ 15.00
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1 Year with Pegasus	\$ 45.00
3 years with Pegasus	\$105.00

### Event Membership:

For all non-members aged 18 years or over attending an event.

Event membership lasts for the duration of that event only and is not sufficient to hold office or fight in Crown Tournament etc.

If the event has a cost, and it is not held by a College, the levy will be charged.

Per event	\$ 2.00
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A SCA(NZ) Inc. membership form is included on the final page of this newsletter, or can be accessed on the SCA(NZ) website.

For further information visit the official SCA(NZ) Inc. website at:

[www.sca.org.nz](http://www.sca.org.nz)

## SCA Groups in New Zealand

(see websites for more details)

### OTAGO

#### Incipient Canton of Wildmoor

#### College of St Kessog (dormant)

<http://kessog.lochac.sca.org>

### WELLINGTON

#### Shire of Darton

<http://darton.lochac.sca.org>

Sun: Fight Practice

Tues: Arts & Sciences

#### College of St Aemigdius (dormant)

<http://aemigdius.lochac.sca.org>

### AUCKLAND

#### Barony of Ildhafn

<http://ildhafn.lochac.sca.org>

Sunday: A & S, Singing

Monday: Sewing

(biweekly)

Wednesday: Fencing

Thursday: Dance

#### College of St Dionysius (dormant)

<http://stdionysius.lochac.sca.org>

### HAMILTON

#### Canton of Cluain

<http://cluain.lochac.sca.org>

Wed: Fight Practice (non SCA)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat: Hastilude

3<sup>rd</sup> Sun: Archery



## Society for Creative Anachronism (New Zealand) Inc. Membership application

If you prefer, you can use the online membership form linked from <http://sca.org.nz/membership.php>

New Membership     Renewal     Replacement card     Change of information

Please print clearly. All information must be legible and filled out correctly for your membership to be processed.  
Please fill out one form per person.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \* \_\_\_\_\_

\*We are required to collect and keep your occupation on file by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Telephone number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tick if under 18:

Tick if you prefer to receive all future communications from us via post rather than via email:

Society Name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Group name (closest geographical Barony, Shire, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Membership type and duration:</b>	<b>1 year</b>	<b>3 years</b>
Membership + e-Pegasus (PDF) **	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Membership + posted print Pegasus	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105
Replacement for lost card	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	

\*\* To receive e-Pegasus, you must provide a valid email address. You will be emailed directions to access your electronic subscription.

**Payment Method:**     Cheque Enclosed     Internet Banking

**I declare that the information given is true and correct:**

Signed (please use legal name): \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment information:

- Please do not post cash. Sorry, we are unable to accept credit card payments.
- **Paying by cheque:** make cheques payable to Society for Creative Anachronism (NZ) Inc.
- **Paying by Internet Banking:** make the payment to SCA (NZ) Inc, account number 38-9010-0099412-00. Place your surname in the reference field, then print out and attach the receipt page to this form once your payment has gone through. Failure to attach proof of payment can delay your membership being processed by as much as a month – so please don't forget!

If you have queries about this form or your membership, please feel free to contact the Registrar, Elizabeth Kent, at [registrar@sca.org.nz](mailto:registrar@sca.org.nz). For urgent matters, phone the Registrar at (03) 960 0452 between the hours of 9am-9pm.

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