

# From the Tower



The Pelican in its Piety

Barony of Southron Gaard  
January AS XXXVIII (2004)

# Chronicler's Corner



Greetings, good gentles.

I wish you all a very good year.

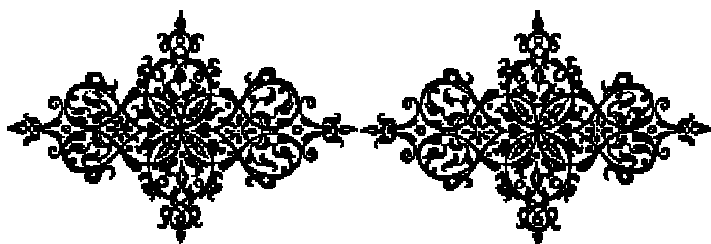
2005 begins with what promises to be a most enjoyable event, a Grand Pas d'Armes—details can be found on page v.

Some of you will be receiving this month's newsletter in electronic format. For those with current subscriptions, you will continue to receive your newsletter in hard-copy format until your subscription runs out, or you let me know that you want it to stop, in which case you can apply for a refund covering the balance.

I encourage all of you to have a look at the electronic edition, and let me know what you think, as I want to make it as reader-friendly as possible. You can find it from the Southron Gaard website ([www.sg.sca.org.nz](http://www.sg.sca.org.nz)), and there will be a notice posted to the Southron Gaard lists when each month's edition is ready.

Yours in Service to Southron Gaard

**Baroness Sinech**



## Seamsters' Guild

This month's meeting will be on **Thursday, January the 20th** from **7.30pm** at the home of Baroness Sinech, **Unit 17, Santa Cruz Lane, 81 Blake Street, South New Brighton**. Bring along whatever needlework you're currently working on. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. Please contact **Baroness Sinech**, **ph. 382-6388**, **email: [lilar@clear.net.nz](mailto:lilar@clear.net.nz)** if you have any questions, or need to organise transport.

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## Armourer Available

Lord Dieter von Metzger announces that he is now able to undertake small armouring projects, and invites anyone needing such items made, especially before Canterbury Faire, to contact him at:

**Ph. 360-0909**

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## Their Excellencies Speak



Unto the populace of Southron Gaard do Callum and Chretienne send their best wishes for a happy Christmas.

We will soon step down as Baron and Baroness, and the process of choosing our successors is well under way. We hope you will take the opportunity to write to their Majesties and make your preference known to Them and give Them the benefit of your opinions.

We hope, too, that your plans for Canterbury Faire are well under way. I have to admit that ours are not as well advanced as one might like, but a wee chap like Lachie will do that to you, and I must also admit that not schlepping half a ton of Baronial gear home will make things a little easier afterwards.

The response from overseas for this event seems to be good, so we should see a few new faces and old friends at the faire. We hope to see as many of you as possible to welcome our King and Queen and acclaim our new Baron and Baroness.

We wish you all a merry Christmas, a happy new year and a safe journey to the Faire.

**Callum & Chretienne**

Long live Draco and Serena,  
King and Queen of Lochac

Long live Stephen and Mathilde,  
Prince and Princess of Lochac

Long live Lochac

## Southron Gaard Order of Precedence Update

The Southron Gaard gentry list and Order of Precedence are two years out of date and are in the process of being updated. Could all members of the populace please take a look at the online gentry list at: <http://sg.sca.org.nz/order.htm> and check that their listing is correct. If your entry is not up to date or correct, or you cannot access the online list, please contact the Southron Gaard Herald, Peregrine Flamstead ([herald@sg.sca.org.nz](mailto:herald@sg.sca.org.nz) or 942-3990). Note that this will apply to anyone who has received an award since March 2002, regardless of whether you think we have a record of the award or not. The populace will have until Canterbury Faire to update their entry before the updated list is sent to kingdom.

## Wanted...

**One Baronial Marshal  
for Southron Gaard  
Work is easy, pay is good**

Seriously, the Barony **must** have Baronial Marshal. Without the marshalate there can be no fighting, so it is up to all fighters who want fighting to continue in Southron Gaard to consider stepping up to the plate to do their part.

For information on what the job entails, please email [sebastian@ihug.co.nz](mailto:sebastian@ihug.co.nz), or check the Kingdom of Lochac website under Marshal.

Applications close Jan 25th 2005, please send applications to the Baronial Seneschal, the Baron and Baroness, and Kingdom Earl Marshal: [mhenley@zip.com.au](mailto:mhenley@zip.com.au)

## Fighters' Practices

**Wednesday**—Wednesday Fighters Practice from 6.00pm, Dean's Bush/Riccarton House, Kahu Road, Riccarton.

**Sunday**—10:00am in the park opposite the Richmond Working Men's Club, London Street, Richmond.

**NB.** These practices are unofficial events.

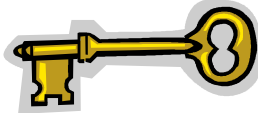
## January Arts & Sciences Sunday

The January Arts and Sciences Sunday will be held on Sunday the 30th of January at the home of Baroness Eleanora and Baron Sigurd, 17 Warblington Street, Bexley, starting at 1.00 pm. So bring along any projects you're working on, books, etc., or just come to chat.

There will be a pot-luck dinner/fast food/what-have-you afterwards, and a movie for those who want to stay.

Please contact Sigurd or Eleanora (ph. 981-1485) for further information, queries, etc.

## From the Seneschal



Greetings All,

With the new year, we are needing some new officers for the Barony. We've been looking for a new Marshal for some time, and we are becoming rather desperate. We have to have a Marshal if fighting activities are to continue, so fighters especially should consider applying for this post. To be the Baronial Marshal, you need to be a current paid-up member and an authorised marshal. You'd be responsible for overseeing the fighting activities of the Barony.

Also stepping down and seeking replacements are the Arts & Sciences officer and the Constable, who looks after site security and lost property. To hold either of these offices you need to be a current, paid member, but there are no other particular requirements. Applications are open to anyone, and everyone who puts their name forward will be seriously considered. The last few officer openings we've had have only had a single applicant, so chances are if you apply for one of these posts you'll get it.

We need all three officers to continue as a Barony, so filling these posts is very important. Please take a look at the advertisements for officers in this issue and, if you are at all interested, please let us know. The closing date for each position is listed in the relevant advertisement.

If you are signing up for an office, please, please make sure you are on the Baronial mailing list. We have two lists, one just for announcements and the other, which gets announcements and general discussion. (You can sign up via the web page: <http://sg.sca.org.nz>) A lot of important information for officers, such as the council minutes, reminders of due reports and such gets distributed via the mailing list. If, for some reason, you are an officer and are not able to be on the list please, let me know so that I can make sure that any important matters come to you directly.

Thanks.

Your in Service,

**Roheisa**



Bees and Hives—from *The Birds*, 1488

## Electronic *From the Tower* Now Available!!!

From this month, January 2005, *From the Tower* will be available in PDF format on the Southron Gaard web-site (<http://sg.sca.org.nz>), which you can save or print out yourself, free of charge.

Notification will be sent to the Southron Gaard mailing lists when each issue is available, so if you are not currently on the mailing lists, and you want to receive *From the Tower* electronically, please join the mailing list by sending a blank email to: [sgdiscuss-request@sca.org.nz](mailto:sgdiscuss-request@sca.org.nz)

If you would like to continue receiving *From the Tower* in hard-copy format, just let the Chronicler know, and continue paying your subscription, which is \$1-35 per copy, or \$16-00 per year.

Please note that *The Alchemist* will continue to be published in hard-copy format, and is published twice a year, in May and November, at \$2-00 per copy or \$4.00 per year

**Baroness Sinech**  
Chronicler



## Wanted...

### Baronial Constable

Southron Gaard needs a new Constable.

Responsibilities include tracking lost property and acting as general safety officer at events.

Although this a relatively light-weight office, event attendance is helpful.

Please direct enquiries to the Seneschal (see *Regnum* for contact details).

Applications close on February the 6th, 2005.



# A Grand Pas d'Armes

**Venue:** Kirkwood Intermediate,  
260 Riccarton Rd (entrance off  
Kirkwood Ave)

**Cost:** Free

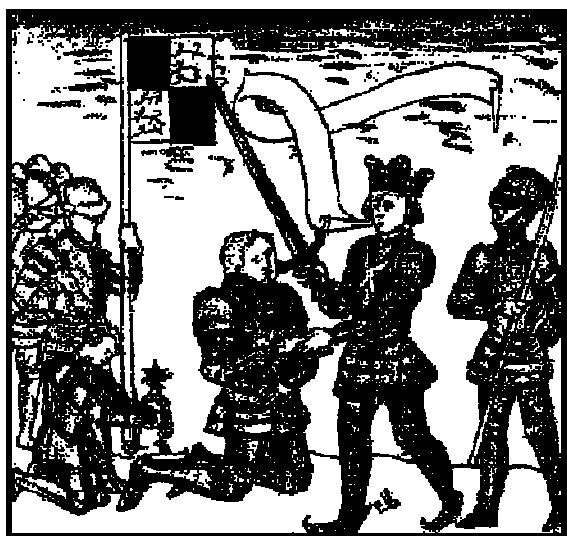
**Date:** 15th January

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Contact:** THL Richard d'Allier, 352-1101



All lords and ladies of good standing are hereby invited to join in an event of honourable combat and chivalric endeavour in the style of a grand Pas d'Armes.

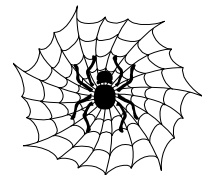


A Gallery will be provided where the Ladies of the realm may sit to view and participate in the proceedings of the tournament.

Following the heavy tournament, an archery tournament will take place for any good gentles still with strength in their arm.

In service,  
THL Richard d'Allier

## On the Web



<http://www.everytongue.com/>  
<http://www.everytongue.com/list1-on-line-recordings.htm>

EveryTongue.com - List 1. A variety of languages that may be useful for persona development

<http://www.medievaldesign.com/farsettieng.html>  
An excellent site offering mediaeval men's clothing for sale

<http://www.medievaldesign.com/donnaeng.html>  
And women's mediaeval clothing

<http://www.dragonbear.com/fealty.html>  
A compilation of oaths of fealty, acceptances of such oaths, and some discussions of the proper form and meaning of fealty in documents from the Middle Ages.

<http://lords3.sierra.com/catapultgame/>  
Catapult game

<http://www.globalspec.com/trebuchet/>  
Trebuchet game

<http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/>  
Site containing maps, literature, documents, books and other relevant material concerning the past, present and future of historic cities, and which facilitates the location of similar content on the web

<http://www.geocities.com/earlygunnery/scagunnery.htm>  
SCA Gunnery

<http://www.reenactorsworld.de/>  
Reenactors' World site

<http://www.igkt.net/galleries/macrame/macrame10.html>

Sutton Hoo macrame (no, really, I am not making this up)

<http://www.goldenhinde.co.uk/>  
The Golden Hinde, an accurate reconstruction of Sir Francis Drake's Tudor galleon, berthed on the Thames in Bankside, and operating as a living-history museum.



Female Musicians

# Minutes of the Southron Gaard Council Meeting

## Tuesday December 14th, AS XXXVIII (2004)

**PRESENT:** Belle, Vicki Hyde, Peter Hyde, Theuns, Stephen Hoare, Simone, Nick, Colleen, Meredith, Donna, Richard, Cat, Roland, David R, Jen.

**LATE:** None

**APOLOGIES:** Bob, Rachael, Charlene, Matt, Lila.

**MEETING OPENED:** 7:31pm

**LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:** Accepted

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Baron & Baroness:** Written report. Correspondence about meal plan for CF. Not much else

**Seneschal:** Quiet month. Correspondence included some about FTT going electronic and about meal plans for CF. With kingdom about quarterly reports, received three from officers on time and some late. Would like to remind officers that the next quarterly report is due in February. Please try to get them in on time.

**Chatelaine:** Written report. Got quarterly report in. Attended Christmas Revel and handed out flyers.

**Reeve:** Written Report. FTT account is slightly in the red. Baronial account is at \$5306.58. Changed account names to include Inc. Cheques are now to be made out to SCA NZ Inc Southron Gaard.

**Herald:** Been asked to update Order of Precedence. Have spoken with Dame Alys who suggested asking the populace to provide corrections. Both the Lochac list (the Canon) and the list on our website (Gentry list) need updating.

**ACTION:** ROLAND will put a notice on the mailing list and in FTT asking the populous to check the online version and to tell him of any changes that need to be made. ROLAND will have printed copies available for those who cannot get access to the web site and ask him for copies. Received last boxes from Duncan.

Side Note: Nick and Simone have verbal permission to conflict for a baronial badge while they were overseas, but we still need to get formal permission.

**ACTION:** ROLAND is to get contact details for Master Gareth Nicodemus and contact him to get formal permission to conflict.

**Marshal:** Still need a replacement. Further ads are in FTT. The closing date will be mid-January. If anyone knows anyone who might be interested please talk to them or let Belle know so she can talk to them.

**Lists:** Put in a quarterly report. Have finally got around to sending off membership forms.

**Arts & Sciences:** Correspondence with Kingdom.

No volunteers for replacement yet, closing date is 1st Jan. Will be stepping down at CF. Kingdom would like electronic copies of classes, to go into an archive on the Lochac website.

Picked up things for the library from Lila, the items that were useful have been added to the collection.

A&S display at the Beowulf event, although the lack of new entries was disappointing.

**QUERY:** Entries for Baronial A&S Championship? None currently, although some have expressed an interest. If we don't have any by Baronial Anniversary then it will be decided by a display on the day. If this is the case, then perhaps we should re-examine the current method of choosing the A&S Champion.

**QUERY:** Library is deputy to A&S officer? There are two roles: Librarian who does cataloguing and would also do purchasing; the second who physically holds the library. Both are seeking replacements.

Also the collection is due for culling and reassessing how much it's getting used, etc.

**ACTION:** BELLE Put ad in FTT seeking new Librarian etc. Cull will be done at time of shifting the library

**Chronicler:** No report. (NB. Sent by email, but some reason it didn't 'send' - sent next day - Sinech, Chronicler.)

Correspondence with Webwright about shift to PDF format. Is happy that has the means to do it and aims to get the January copy of FTT out before Christmas.

**Webwright:** Information on Baronial awards is up on website (under culture and traditions). It is still very brief, more information would be welcome. New sign-in forms are online (on Stewards' page). Suggests that the Inc. rules will be included in the same document to make it easier for stewards. Order of Precedence needs updating. Suggests that it would be easier with a database mechanism behind it. Suggestion that extending it to cover things like authorisations would be useful. Will be asking Mouse to include a search box on the website as there is lots of information on the site and it will only be getting bigger.

**Chirurgion:** No Report, No Apology.

**QUERY:** Hasn't been turning up to council meetings and hasn't been bringing First-Aid Kit to events. Has been getting quarterly reports in. Does council wish to look for a replacement. Has been in office for more than two years.

It might be better to have the First-Aid Kit held by the quartermaster, and available for stewards. We aren't required to have a Chirurgion. It might be better to have the office open for anyone who is interested.

**ACTION:** BELLE will contact CHIRURGEON to discuss the options.

**Constable:** Isn't currently a member and doesn't feel that he has been involved enough recently to warrant getting the membership. Has asked to be relieved of the office. Is willing to continue to mind lost property until a replacement is found or until CF.

**ACTION:** THEUNS An ad will go in FTT seeking a replacement  
Note: Lochac has a list of rostered Constables.

**Quartermaster:** Nothing to report.

Have received inventory list, will be starting a detailed organisation of the Baronial goods.

### EVENT REPORTS

**Christmas Revel:** Completed sign-in sheets handed over. It was a good event, about 40 attended, people had fun.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Pas d'Armes:** is being advertised in FTT. Venue will be decided before FTT deadline.

**Canterbury Faire:** Have received some registrations.

Correspondence with new site wardens. There will probably be a full fire ban, will still be allowed gas BBQs and candle lanterns. Can hire hay bales at \$2 each.

Internet banking is available for paying registrations only within NZ; more details later in minutes.

There will be a Special General Meeting for SCA INC on the Monday at 4pm.

**Equestrian:** The wardens have said it will be allowed within restricted areas of the site. Richard is currently collecting information, including what rules would govern it and who would be interested, and their views on it. This might not be possible to do in time for this Canterbury Faire, but he will compile the information he

gathers for use in the future.

**Private Meal Plans:** Guidelines have been created for the allocation of resources, all will be treated equally. There is plenty of kitchen space.

Is looking into options for helping to get gear down from Ildhafn and out to site as it has proved valuable in the past.

Have been sending email confirmations of registrations. This has been well received.

**Baronial Anniversary:** Asked for council's help with deciding on site. The Ferry Road site had some unexpected clauses, including one that could see our booking cancelled at the last minute. It was decided that The Foundation for the Blind hall would be preferable. Are now looking for a site at which to hold the fighting and archery. A number of schools and parks were suggested, including: Abberly park, Kirkwood Intermediate, St Andrews, Heaton Intermediate, Elmwood, St Margaret's, St Albans, Burwood Park, Richmond Primary. Some of the schools have sports on Saturdays and there is a problem with getting permission to do archery in public parks.

**ACTION:** MEREDITH to ring the City Council for a list of what parks they will allow archery in. Have a menu from Belle and it sounds yummy.

**Yule:** If this is to be one of the bigger events, then we should be looking for bids in the next month. Some people have already expressed an interest. We will be taking bids for it at next council meeting.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

**Internet Banking:** Up and running, only viewable by Belle and Beast, but can pass info to stewards. The format for payments will be:

Bank account number (will be provided)

First Field: Surname

Second Field: Event

Third Field (where exist): numbers of adults and children payment is for.

If these details aren't included, then we will be unable to identify who the payment is coming from and you will be assumed not to have paid. The payment will need to be done at least one week before normal payment deadline to allow time for the Steward to be able to access it. The use of it will mostly be for the bigger events and it will be up to the Steward whether it will be available.

**ACTION:** BELLE will write up this information for the Steward's Pack.

**Demos:** Kingdom policy is that requests must go to the B&B and they are to organise them. This can be delegated.

**Side Note:** We might not be fully covered by insurance for demos unless we can publish notice of them in FTT. Most of the time it's for schools and we should be covered by their insurance.

**Recruitment Planning Meeting:** This stems from a discussion on the mailing list. Suggestion was that we get together with the specific purpose of discussing recruiting (including how to do it), strategies for keeping recruits, plans for events, future plans for the barony, what people want from the SCA... and many more things. There was a long discussion. The decision was that it is a good idea. A good starting point for the discussion would be people's experiences. Particularly answering questions like: How did they come to turn up initially?; What things made them stay (or not)?; Experience (good and bad)?; Generally with the idea of finding ways to make it more enjoyable for people, how to encourage people to stick around and have fun. The discussion is expected to continue from there and will probably include topics like: events for the next year, recruitment plans, etc. If it goes well, there may be more planned later for further discussion. Richard and Donna have offered their place (and barbecue) for it on the 16th January, from 1:00 pm, intended to last for a few hours. People are welcome to turn up earlier for lunch. 48 Northcote Rd (is near a bus stop).

**ACTION:** DONNA will get an ad into FTT with the basics about it. If we can get some questions out there for people to start thinking about, that would be good.

**Baronial Policy on Complimentary Tickets:** SCA INC Policy is that groups are allowed to comp. Royals (ie. King and Queen). Note: this has been baronial policy anyway. There is a Policy Book for the barony in existence (Belle hasn't seen it).

**ACTION:** ADELE will look for her copy of the Policy Book and pass it on to BELLE.

The policy book includes a policy on what comps Event Stewards are allowed to give out. It's been common Kingdom practice to give B&Bs comps. That has never been our policy and none of the baronial candidates feel the need for it.

**Hiring out Baronial equipment:** Policy suggestion -

If the situation is: Members of the barony where it benefits other members of the barony, then it's fine, no charge.

Members of the Barony but not benefiting other Members of the Barony, avoid it.

Not members of the barony where it benefits members of the barony, (eg. outside catering at an event): Fine, no charge.

Not members of the barony and not benefiting members of the barony (other than by hire money): Avoid.

There are still many grey areas, and it isn't something that is going to come up very often, so it will generally be possible to bring significant cases before the Council for decision. Minor cases to be dealt with by Quartermaster, who will keep records. If it is found that a more formal policy is required, then it can be compiled at a later date.

Asbjorn contacted Vicki regarding SCA Inc. Publishing Policies. She will be creating one, working off those for SCAA and SCA Inc.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:25 pm

## Wanted: Baronial Librarian

We need a new home for the Baronial Library, and a new Baronial Librarian.

The Librarian is a deputy to the A&S officer. Please read the Southron Gaard baronial library policy on the A&S page at: [www.sg.sca.org.nz](http://www.sg.sca.org.nz)

Could anyone interested in taking on the storage and/or Librarian roles please contact Mistress Roheisa or Mistress Eleanora to express their interest (see Regnum at Southron Gaard website for contact details).

## Baronial Planning Meeting

A chance to discuss the direction of the Barony, and plan a schedule of events to be brought before council.

**Date:** 16 January. 1-4 pm

**Venue:** 48 Northcote Road, Papanui. On the Number 11 bus route, or a short walk from the Orbiter and routes 12, 13 and 16 (which go down Main North Road).

For further details, please see the flyer included with this edition of *From the Tower*.

# Calendar

Events marked in **bold** are local; others should be listed among the miscellaneous contact details. Any events marked in *italics* are hosted by groups other than Southron Gaard.

## January

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Sun 02        | Fighters' practice, Archery (??)            |
| Wed 05        | Fighters' practice                          |
| Fri 07        | Pub social night (check email list)         |
| Sat 08-Sun 09 | <i>12th Night Coronation, Arrowsreach</i>   |
| Sun 09        | Fighters' practice, Archery                 |
| Tue 11        | <b>Southron Gaard Council meets</b>         |
| Wed 12        | Fighters' practice                          |
| Sat 15        | <b>Grand Pas d'Armes Tourney</b> (see p v)  |
| Sun 16        | Fighters' practice, Archery                 |
| Wed 19        | Fighters' practice                          |
| Thu 20        | <b>Guild of Seamsters meets</b> (see p iii) |
| Sun 23        | Fighters' practice, Archery                 |
| Wed 26        | Fighters' practice                          |
| Sun 30        | Fighters' practice, Archery                 |
|               | Arts & Sciences Afternoon (see p iv)        |

## February

|               |                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wed 02        | Fighters' practice                  |
| Fri 04        | Pub social night (check email list) |
| Sun 06        | Fighters' practice, Archery         |
| Tue 08        | <b>Southron Gaard Council meets</b> |
| Wed 09        | Fighters' practice                  |
| Fri 11-Wed 16 | <b>Canterbury Faire</b> (see p )    |
| Thu 17        | <b>Guild of Seamsters meets</b> (?) |
| Sun 20        | Fighters' practice, Archery         |
| Wed 23        | Fighters' practice                  |
| Sun 27        | Fighters' practice, Archery         |
|               | Arts & Sciences Afternoon           |

## Far Future

March 19 **Southron Gaard Anniversary event**

May 07-08 2005 *May Crown Tourney, St Florian de la Riviere*

*Midwinter Coronation 2005*—bids are now open, and will close at Rowany Festival.

*November Crown Tournament 2005*—bids will open at Rowany Festival, and close at Midwinter.

*Twelfth Night Coronation 2006*—Bids will open at Midwinter, and close at Spring War (October).



Ducal Palace, Venice—*Fasciculus Temporum*, Venice, 1480

## University of Canterbury Medieval and Renaissance Society

**Weapons practice** - Saturday, 10.00 pm., Spreydon School sports field, corner of Curletts Road and Lincoln Road, and Wednesday 8:00 p.m., Ballroom, UCSA, 90 Ilam Rd. All welcome. Participation in martial arts is subject to approval by the Weapons Master.

**Arts and Sciences classes:** Wednesday 6.30 p.m., International room, UCSA, 90 Ilam Road.

**Dance Classes:** Thursday 7:30 p.m., Lower Common Room (LCR), UCSA, 90 Ilam Road.

For further details, see contact details in the regnum.

## Events Afar

*See Regnum for contacts and web sites*

### Ildhafn (Auckland)

|            |                            |
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| Wednesdays | Fight practice, needlework |
| Saturdays  | Archery practice           |
| Sundays    | Fighters' practice         |

### Dartonshire (Wellington)

|         |                    |
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| Sundays | Fighters' Practice |
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### Wellington Mediaeval Guild

|            |                         |
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| Sundays    | Dance practice          |
| Wednesdays | Arts & Sciences meeting |

### Cluain (Hamilton)

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| Thursdays | Fighters' practice |
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## Miscellaneous Contact Details

**Southron Gaard Council:** 7:30 pm, second Tuesday of each month, at the Clarence Street Methodist Church hall, corner Clarence and Nelson Streets, Riccarton.

**Seamsters' Guild:** 7:30 pm, third Thursday of each month to discuss and work on sewing and handcraft projects. Contact Baroness Sinech for topics and further information: (03) 382-6388; lilar@clear.net.nz

**Fighters' Practices:** Wednesdays, 6.30 pm, at Richmond Park (opposite Working Men's Club, London Street); and Sundays, in conjunction with archery, from 10.00 am at Dean's Bush, Riccarton.

**Archery Practices:** Fine Sundays from 2:00 pm, Kirkwood Avenue entrance, Kirkwood Intermediate School. Targets and some bows available. Contact Lord Richard d'Allier (see Regnum).

**Middle Eastern Guild of Southron Gaard:** For information on upcoming meetings and projects contact Lady Heloyse, email: chevron @paradise.net.nz or phone 981-1066.



# The Dramatikal Companye of Lord Lovell's Men

plans to present a theatrical event at Canterbury Faire next,  
to be known as the Half-Circle Theatre

For the space of an evening's hour upon the stage, will we present plays, poems, songs and other such formal entertainments to lighten the hearts or deepen the minds of our audience. The intent is to perform within the small amphitheatre, from 9.30 or thereabouts of Saturday e'en after the Ball; playbills confirming such will be posted at the Faire.



Raised seating will be reserved for those paying five gold pieces; tickets available at the Faire, said fee to cover the cost of mulled wine and roasted nuts. Groundlings will also be most welcome, and a hat shall be passed for whatever gold, copper or barter items can be extracted.

THE BARONY OF SOUTHRON GAARD PRESENTS

# CANTERBURY FAIRE 2005

**VENUE:** WAIPARA RIVERSIDE PARK, 137 DARNLEY ROAD, AMBERLEY

**DATES:** 11TH - 16TH FEBRUARY 2005

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CANTERBURY FAIRE 2005 IS HERE AGAIN AND WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER. MORE FIGHTING, ARTS, SCIENCES, ARCHERY, RAPIER AND REVELRY THAN EVER BEFORE!

THE EVENT WILL BE 5 WHOLE DAYS AND NIGHTS OF FUN, INCORPORATING THE USUAL MARVELLOUS FEAST, A FANTASTIC HARVEST BALL, TOURNAMENTS, RAPIER COMBAT, ARCHERY, A&S CLASSES AND THE RETURN OF THE HORSE-DRAWN WINE TRAIL.

**PRICES:** FULL EVENT ADULT (BOOKING BEFORE 29 JANUARY) : \$43, CHILD: \$20.50  
SINGLE NIGHT: \$10, SINGLE DAY: \$5, FEAST: \$15 (CHILDREN 5-12 HALF PRICE, UNDER 5 YEAR OLDS ARE FREE.)  
TENT: \$10, SOUVENIR BAG: \$10, WINE TRAIL \$25.  
LOCHAC KINGDOM SURCHARGE (\$1) AND SCA NZ DAY MEMBERSHIP (\$2)

WE ARE ALWAYS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL SORTS OF THINGS, INCLUDING GATE DUTY, PORRIDGE MAKING, FIELD HERALDRY, MARSHALLING, A&S CLASSES... EVERYTHING! VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ENTITLED TO ENTER THE VOLUNTEER RAFFLE (PRIZES INCLUDE VAST QUANTITIES OF BRAID, BUTTONS AND OTHER ACCESSORIES, KINDLY PROVIDED BY THL JUSTINA MARIE DE BERGERAC OF STARKHAFN). DONATION OF PRIZES FOR THE VOLUNTEER RAFFLE WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

- ◆ **ARTS AND SCIENCES:** OUR A&S CO-ORDINATOR IS NOW SCHEDULING CLASSES. ANYONE WISHING TO TEACH A CLASS SHOULD CONTACT BARONESS ELEANORA (SIMONE@HINDIN.CO.NZ, PH. (03) 981 1485)
- ◆ **MERCHANTS WELCOME:** ALONG WITH PRE-REGISTRATION, WE WILL BE OFFERING THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVERTISE YOUR WARES. FOR A NOMINAL FEE TO COVER EXPENSES, YOU CAN HAVE A 1/4 PAGE ADVERTISEMENT INCLUDED WITH THE CANTERBURY FAIRE BOOKLET. IF YOU INTEND TO SELL GOODS AT THE MARKET, THIS WILL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO WOO PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMERS WELL BEFORE THE EVENT ITSELF. CONTACT THE MERCHANTING CO-ORDINATOR, THL ETHELIND FOR MORE INFORMATION (ETHELIND@IHUG.CO.NZ)
- ◆ **COME YE BARDS!** THE BARDIC AUCTION WAS SUCH A SUCCESS LAST YEAR, WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN! **DONATIONS FOR PRIZES ARE NOW BEING SOUGHT.** ENCOURAGE NEW BARDS TO DO BATTLE WITH OLD HANDS BY DONATING FINE WARES TO INSPIRE THEIR EFFORTS.

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT STEWARD, RICHARD ON (03) 352-1101 OR BY EMAIL TO CANTYFAIRE@SG.SCA.ORG.NZ

|         | FRIDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup>     | SATURDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> | SUNDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup>                | MONDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> | TUESDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> | WED 16 <sup>TH</sup> |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 8:00    |                             | BREAKFAST                 | BREAKFAST                              | BREAKFAST               | BREAKFAST                | BREAKFAST            |
| 9:00    |                             | ARCHERY PRACTICE          | HEAVY TOURNEY                          | A&S CLASSES             | WAR (MIXED)              | CLOSING COURT        |
| 10:00   |                             | OPENING COURT             |  |                         |                          | PACK UP              |
| 11:00   | SITE OPENS                  | HEAVY TOURNEYS            |  | RAPIER TOURNEY          |                          |                      |
| 12:00   |                             |                           |  |                         | WINE TRIAL               |                      |
| 1:00    |                             | LUNCH                     | MARKET BEGINS/ BARDIC AUCTION          | LUNCH                   | LUNCH                    | SITE CLOSED          |
| 2:00    |                             | RAPIER PRACTICE           |  | WAR                     | ARCHERY                  |                      |
| 3:00    |                             | WAR                       | ARCHERY TOURNEY                        |                         |                          |                      |
| 4:00    |                             |                           |  |                         | RAPIER                   |                      |
| 5:00    |                             |                           | A&S DISPLAY (CONTINUES INTO THE FEAST) |                         |                          |                      |
| 6:00    | DINNER                      | DINNER                    |  | DINNER                  | DINNER                   |                      |
| EVENING | A&S CLASSES/ AUTHORISATIONS | BALL                      | FEAST                                  |                         |                          |                      |

## MEALS AND SUCH

UNLIKE SEVERAL PREVIOUS CANTERBURY FAIRES A CATERING OPTION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE EVENT THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, WE REALISE THAT SUCH A SERVICE CAN MAKE IT A LOT EASIER TO ENJOY THE EVENT IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING FROM AFAR.

TO THAT END WE ARE ENCOURAGING A MORE INFORMAL WAY OF HOSTING OUR GUESTS THIS YEAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE LOCALS WHO HAVE FRIENDS TRAVELLING TO THE EVENT TO LOOK AT HOSTING THEM WITHIN THEIR OWN ENCAMPMENTS OR INCLUDE THEM IN SELF-CATERING PLANS WHERE POSSIBLE. WE IN SOUTHRON GAARD ARE RENOWNED FOR OUR HOSPITALITY, AND THIS WILL ENCOURAGE US ALL TO SHARE IN THE EXPERIENCE OF AN SCA CAMPING EVENT.

WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGING MERCHANTS TO COME FORWARD AND LOOK AT PROVIDING MEAL OPTIONS ON A PRIVATE BASIS.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING FROM AFAR, AND AREN'T SURE WHERE TO BEGIN, WE ARE HERE TO HELP. PLEASE CONTACT THE STEWARD AND WE WILL ENSURE THAT YOU WILL BE LOOKED AFTER. WE ARE ALSO HAPPY TO ASSIST LOCALS WITH INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS.

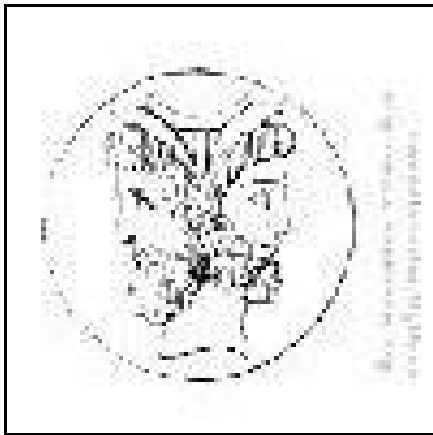
THE EVENT SITE OFFERS MARVELLOUS FACILITIES TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO SELF-CATER EFFECTIVELY. AS A START, PEOPLE CAN CATER WITHIN THEIR OWN ENCAMPMENTS (FIRE RULES APPLY), OR USE THE DESIGNATED BBQ AREAS TO PREPARE MEALS. EACH OF THE BUILDINGS CONTAINS KITCHEN FACILITIES, AND THE MAIN KITCHEN WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL THIS YEAR, EXCEPT ON THE DAY OF THE FEAST. LIMITED FREEZER SPACE AND A LARGE CHILLER WILL BE AVAILABLE.

SHOPS AND A SUPERMARKET ARE A SHORT DRIVE AWAY (10 MINUTES TO AMBERLEY). SUPPLIES CAN BE PICKED UP ON THE WAY TO THE EVENT, OR DURING THE EVENT AS REQUIRED.

THE MILK DELIVERIES WILL ALSO CONTINUE THIS YEAR, WITH ATTENDEES BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE FROM A RANGE OF GOODS, HOPEFULLY INCLUDING ICE (TBC).

## Janus

The month of January is named after a Roman god, Janus, the god of gates and doors (ianua), beginnings and endings, represented by a double-faced head, each looking in opposite directions. He was worshipped at any time of beginning, such as harvest time, planting, marriage, birth, and at the beginnings of important events in a person's life. For a child, this might be the transition from childhood to adulthood.



According to one tradition, he was from Thessaly (in Greece) and shared a kingdom with Cameos in Latium, where they married and had several children, among which the river god Tiberinus (after whom the river Tiber in Rome is named). When his wife died, Janus became the sole ruler of Latium.

Janus, as the first king of Latium, brought the people a time of peace and welfare, later thought of as the Golden Age. He introduced money, cultivation of the fields, and the laws.

After his death he was made into a god and became the protector of Rome, where the gates of his temple were kept open in times of war so the god would be ready to help when necessary. In times of peace, the gates were closed.

His most famous temple was a portal on the Forum Romanum, through which the Roman legionaries (soldiers) went to war. He also had a temple on the Forum Olitorium, and in the first century another temple was built on the Forum of Nerva. His priests regularly sacrificed to him. The month of January (the eleventh Roman month) is named after him.

Janus was represented with two faces, originally one face was bearded while the other was not (probably a symbol of the sun and the moon). Later, both faces were bearded. In his right hand he holds a key. The double-faced head appears on many Roman coins.

## New Year Through the Ages

New Year celebrations go back to at least early Babylonian times. In ancient Babylon, they went on for 11 days, with each day having its own special celebration. The Babylonians are thought to be the first to make New Year resolutions, the most popular back then being to return borrowed farm equipment.

New Year was not always celebrated on the 1st of January. In ancient cultures, where farming, and therefore the seasons, were important, the beginning of Spring (March, in the northern hemisphere), the time of new growth, was considered to be the New Year. It was often celebrated at the first new moon after the Spring equinox.

The Romans originally celebrated the new year at this time, but in 153 BC the Roman Senate changed it to the 1st of January. However, in order to synchronise the calendar with the Sun, the Emperor had to let the previous year go on for 445 days!

According to ancient tradition, what a person did or ate on New Year's Day could affect his or her luck for the coming year. Traditional New Year foods could include anything ring-shaped, to symbolise the cycle of the year. So be sure to have a doughnut the New Year's day!

You have probably heard people singing 'Auld Lang Syne' at midnight as the new year begins. This tradition began in Scotland in the 18th century, when the poet Robert Burns wrote a song based on earlier popular versions. It was published in the late 1700s, after his death, and today is sung all over the world. The phrase 'Auld Lang Syne' means, literally, 'Old Long Ago', so the song tells us to remember the past as the new year begins.

Here are some things mentioned above that you might like to look up on the Internet or in the library:

- Babylonians
- Roman Senate
- Caesar

Janus feasting  
to welcome the  
New Year



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