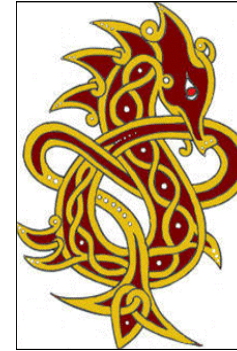


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Upcoming Events

- Archery Weekender, 24th – 26th April (Dragons Bay)
- Baroness Fighter Auction & Royal Feast, 1st May (Aneala)
- Pencampwr Weekend, 5th – 7th June (Abertridwr)
- Feast of the Dragon, 26th June (Dragons Bay)
- Shire Revel, 31st July (Dragons Bay)
- Tournament of the Lion, 1st August (Dragons Bay)

Seneschal's prose...

Greetings to the folk of the Dragon,

It is with a wee bit of sadness that I realise that this will be my last newsletter missive to you as Seneschal of the Shire.

However I would like to say that I am fortunate to have witness the Shire go from an idea to a strong reality and to take on a life of it's own as all you wonderful people have joined and become part of what is in effect more of a close knit community than a club.

The Shire campsite at the Autumn Gathering just passed successfully met any challenges we encountered and I believe we managed to make quite an impression, I certainly enjoyed the level of comfort and convenience we achieved and my thanks to all those who helped set it up, contributed to the 101 camp chores and helped break it all down.

I would like to say thank you to every one who has contributed in what ever way to the growth and development of this Shire over the last two years, I am quite proud of what we have achieved together and as we teeter on the edge of full status I am confident that we will all continue to support the Shire and help the new Seneschal milady Petronilla to do what is best for Dragons Bay and take us forward to full group status.

I know that in your own way you all do what you can and it is very much appreciated but I must also say thank you to a couple of individuals;

Lord Robert Leffan of York, has been our Constable virtually since he joined and has been there come rain, hail or shine at all our events and all but one or two meetings, and this kind of consistent contribution while maybe not as flashy or spectacular as some, is what really makes things work month after month and year after year when all the show ponies have faded away. His consistent contribution has been very important in our growth.

Lady Genevieve du Montfleur, who was there at the very start and is as much if not more responsible for the creation and survival of Dragons Bay as any other. She has held an office of one sort or another continuously since the beginning, is pretty much responsible for all the minute taking, and has despite illness and health problems always been there with a helping hand or to fill in when something needed doing, giving encouragement or completing a task. I will always remember when she dropped in at the sewing workshop on her way home after major surgery just to make sure everything was alright. This lady deserves all our thanks for the tremendous effort and resources both financial and material that she has poured tirelessly and so generously into the Shire.

Lastly for each and everyone of you thank you for every contribution you have made, or will make, wether I or anyone else notices it or not, it is important and you are all to be congratulated.

In service to the Shire and the Dream of something great

Sir Peter du Gant Noir

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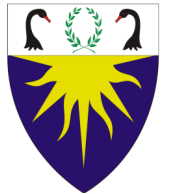
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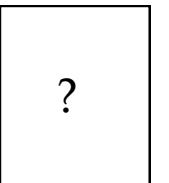
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Marshal (p) - Genevieve du Montfleur (Fiona)

Webminister (p) - Sarah of the Hills (Sarah)



On matters of Heraldry.....

At the next Cooks & Brewers BBQ along with how wonderful the food is I propose that we discuss the submission of a group device.

Our Norek banners are great and look good, and they make it easy for anyone to have a banner to display in their own colours, they are however not registrable and as part of our development as I Shire it is probably time we looked to a registered device.

Currently we have two basic ideas and another in development and these will be displayed on our website for your comments, prior to the Cooks and Brewers meeting I will probably run an online poll to see how well each is liked and based on the results of this, and checking against existing devices I will make a recommendation to the Shire.

Our name is currently with the Laurel of Arms and after checking will be discussed at the May meeting of the SCA College of Herald's, we should hear by June if it is registered or not.

If you are interested in registering a name and/or device or indeed attracted to any aspect of heraldry please contact me to discuss, especially if you want to have a hand in creating the Shire's device.

In no particular order the three aspects of heraldry practice by the Society are; 1) Voice work , announcements at tourney's and feasts, 2) Book work, the checking and registering of names and devices, 3) Organising and ordering Courts.

Personal heraldry can be discussed at the fortnightly Open Arts & Sciences workshops or by appointment with just about any member of the College of Herald's (So far in the Shire that is me).

In service heraldic

Sir Peter

Shire Herald (proposed)

SHIRE ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP

A competition to select the First Archery Champion for the Shire will be held at the Archery Weekender (page 12) in Boddington.

A weekend of archery will see an IKAC shot on Saturday and the competition for the Championship shot on Sunday over a challenging field range, plans also include archery games for children of all ages and a run out for "Phobos" the siege engine. To contest the Championship you must be a member and have entered an IKAC score in the previous 3 months.



Arts & Sciences (A&S)



Currently we are without an Arts & Sciences Officer, if you are interested in this office please contact the Deputy Seneschal milady Petronilla (See regnum).

Open Arts & Sciences Workshops

Held on a fortnightly basis at the Langridge Outpost in Orelia.

At any given meeting we will be discussing or doing Sewing, Armouring, Calligraphy, Woodwork, Leatherwork or perhaps consulting about Names & Heraldry.

Please discuss with Sir Peter

Cooks & Brewers BBQ

Held monthly at various households in the Shire.

A meeting of the fledgling Shire Cooks Guild, where you can bring along a medieval dish to be sampled by the cooks present and contributing to your guild ranking. We also taste and consider any brewing projects and failing either of these please come along and throw something on the BBQ and join in.

Please discuss with Lady Genevieve or milady Pertronilla

Dancing Practice

We are currently negotiating about a venue, and we hope to be running dance practice every Tuesday shared between Rockingham and Kwinana on a fortnightly basis.

If you are at all interested in medieval dance please contact Lady Genevieve.



Kids – print off and colour in your own Norek, prizes will be awarded at the Cooks & Brewers BBQ.

Shire Meeting

The meetings are fun and as long as we can get through any required business by 9.30 it doesn't have to be tedious or serious, so I encourage everybody who can make it to turn up to these meetings so that your voice can be heard and Dragons Bay remains a group that caters to the needs of everybody involved.

These meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, to decide on issues such as group finances a quorum of the Seneschal or Reeve plus 2 other officers is required.

Anyway that's about it for now so until next we meet may good fortune be yours to share and may you and yours be happy and healthy.

Archery Weekender 24th – 26th April – Boddington

Autocrat: Peter du Gant Noir

Costs: Members \$ 15 Non Members \$ 18

under 18 – Members \$ 12 Non members \$ 14 under 6 free,

Camping weekend at the Boddington Farm – Sands Road, BODDINGTON

Bookings are essential please contact Peter in person or by phone 0434461200 or confirmed text/email by the evening of Sunday 18th April.

Come test your skills in good company on the field range or join in the fun on the practice range.

IKAC Saturday and Shire Archery Championship Sunday, see page 3

A breakfast food fund will be available for \$18 per head per adult, under 18 prices may be negotiated depending on how much they eat (or is that don't eat?). Menu Bacon, Eggs, Baked Beans, Sausages, Toast – and a cooking and clean up roster will be posted.

Lunch is self catered and the evening meals will be themed potlucks, Saturday evening will be a Farm Foods theme and Sunday evening will be a Hunting Foods theme, you can be creative. A Cooks Guild competition will be run each evening for those who wish to join or progress in the guild.

Garbed is required for the full weekend.

Chronicler & Web Minister Bits...

Great news milord Abd Malik Abdullah Salaam (Maurice) has offered his services as Chronicler and will be taking on this role as of the next newsletter.

We also have a new Web Minister milady Sarah of the Hills (Sarah)

Both of these good gentles will be happy to discuss any suggestions you may have for the newsletter or website.

This month is brought to you by the editorial skills of Lady Genevieve with some assistance from Sir Peter

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registrar@sca.org.au



Some Interesting Links

A Study of Cooking Tasks, Methods, and Equipment in the Renaissance Kitchen

<http://www.katjaorlova.com/MedievalKitchenEquipment.htm>

Arts & Sciences continued...

Ninth- and Tenth-Century Viking Foodstuffs

<http://www.cs.vassar.edu/~capriest/vikfood.html>

Elizabethan Food and Drink

<http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/springfield/eliz/elizfood.html>

The Crusader and Ayyubid Period (1099-1250 CE)

<http://jeru.huji.ac.il/ef1.htm>

No Eels, Please! Non-Weird Period Food

<http://www.katjaorlova.com/NotWeird.htm>



Shire Competitions

Monthly Cooks Guild competition held at the Cooks & Brewers BBQ.

VENUE STILL SOUGHT

If anybody knows of an inexpensive meeting place please let me know, as I am looking into the viability of the Shire holding meetings and such in a hall or meeting room again. Ideally it has to be central, available, have plenty of parking be easy to find and inexpensive.

The pluses are; that a public venue can be less intimidating for a new person to come along too for the first time, and available space is more generally useable for a variety of activities eg meetings, dancing, sewing etc...

The possible down side is the meeting needs to be well support by the group otherwise it can become a financial burden and a waste of time and resources, so when calculating divide the cost by the number of people likely to turn up.

Nothing definite yet but it pays to think and plan ahead

In service to the Dream

Sir Peter

RANDOM LINKS or ITEMS of INTEREST




Burnett, Charles (ed.). *Ibn Baklarish's Book of Simples: Medical Remedies Between Three Faiths in Twelfth-Century Spain*. Series: Studies in the Arcadian Library, no. 3. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2008. Pp. 216. \$170/ú85. ISBN-13: 978-0-19-954306-9.

A link to some Polish treasures, including Italian, Russian, French, Jewish, German, Islamic and Armenian manuscripts, maps, atlases, books of hours 11-15 C etc

<http://commonwealth.pl/>

A beginners' guide to the Latin used in documents between 1086 and 1733. It is the first online tutorial to help you learn the Latin from this period. The tutorial covers the period between 1086 and 1733, when Latin was the official language of documents written in England.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/latin/beginners/>

Local Activities	APRIL		MAY	
AMOUR-ING & A&S 	Saturday 10th 1.30 – 4.30 Peter's Place 21 Langridge Cres, Orelia	Saturday 24th 1.30 – 4.30 Peter's Place 21 Langridge Cres, Orelia	Saturday 8th 1.30 – 4.30 Peter's Place 21 Langridge Cres, Orelia	Saturday 22nd 1.30 – 4.30 Peter's Place 21 Langridge Cres, Orelia
	Shire Meeting 	Monday 19th 7.00 – 9.30pm Peter's Place 21 Langridge Cres, Orelia		Monday 17th 7.00 – 9.30pm Petronilla's Place 10 Solandra Court Waikiki
COOKS & BREWERS BBQ 		Saturday 24th 5 – 9.30 Peter's Place 21 Langridge Cres, Orelia		Saturday 22nd 5 – 9.30 Offers anyone

To host a meeting or workshop check with the relevant officer or Seneschal as to what requirements there are re space or other resources and then bring your proposal along to the Shire meeting. You could also discuss it on the yahoo list.



Kingdom A&S Competitions

May Crown XLV (2010) hosted by Barony of Rowany

Item of clothing or armour re-created from a portrait / illumination / woodcut

A **Blacksmithed item & Performance** of a song in rounds

Midwinter XLV (2010) hosted by Barony of Ildhafn

A **carved item** (email entries are encouraged if there is an issue with quarantine)

Dance - (reconstruction details tbc)

Gardening - a treatise on the properties of a perfumed plant (in the style of Culpepper)

November Crown XLV (2010) hosted by Barony of Aneala

Lace Making

Glass - an item of glassware or stained glass

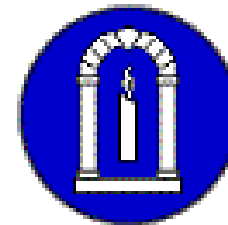
Aprons for working people (i.e., craftspeople, smiths, cooks)

About judging Arts & Sciences competitions, I won't reinvent the wheel here is the Kingdom web site that explains it all.

<http://www.lochac.sca.org/artsandsciences/cp-judging.html>

Norek's February Quiz

Can you identify this badge?



Answers to be published on the yahoo list please, a chocolate prize to the first correct answer posted.