

Youth Page

A page for our younger members to share stories, artworks and other SCA stuff. Thanks to Kellie for her report from the Autumn Gathering.

Autumn Gathering

Firstly Let me introduce myself, at this stage I am still thinking about my SCA name so at the moment I am Kellie of the Iceni. My mum is Ygenye O'Dunaghaigh

I was lucky enough to attend the second day of the Autumn gathering which was held at Lake Clifton on the Anzac long weekend. It was a very interesting experience which I enjoyed greatly. My brother Justin and I had a go at the combat for children. There was much fun and laughter, some from the Baron as some of the younger children fought and died many times before pronouncing themselves dead. The older children took it more seriously (though I dare say had as much fun than the younger ones) and was a close competition but in the end I triumphed and was pronounced by Sir Peter as "holder of the ring".

The war between Bunbury and Dragons Bay was I thought extremely well fought but slow moving so I did not watch much of it but took a great number of pictures with my mums camera.

Overall it was a fun weekend which I enjoyed very much and am looking forward to the next gathering.

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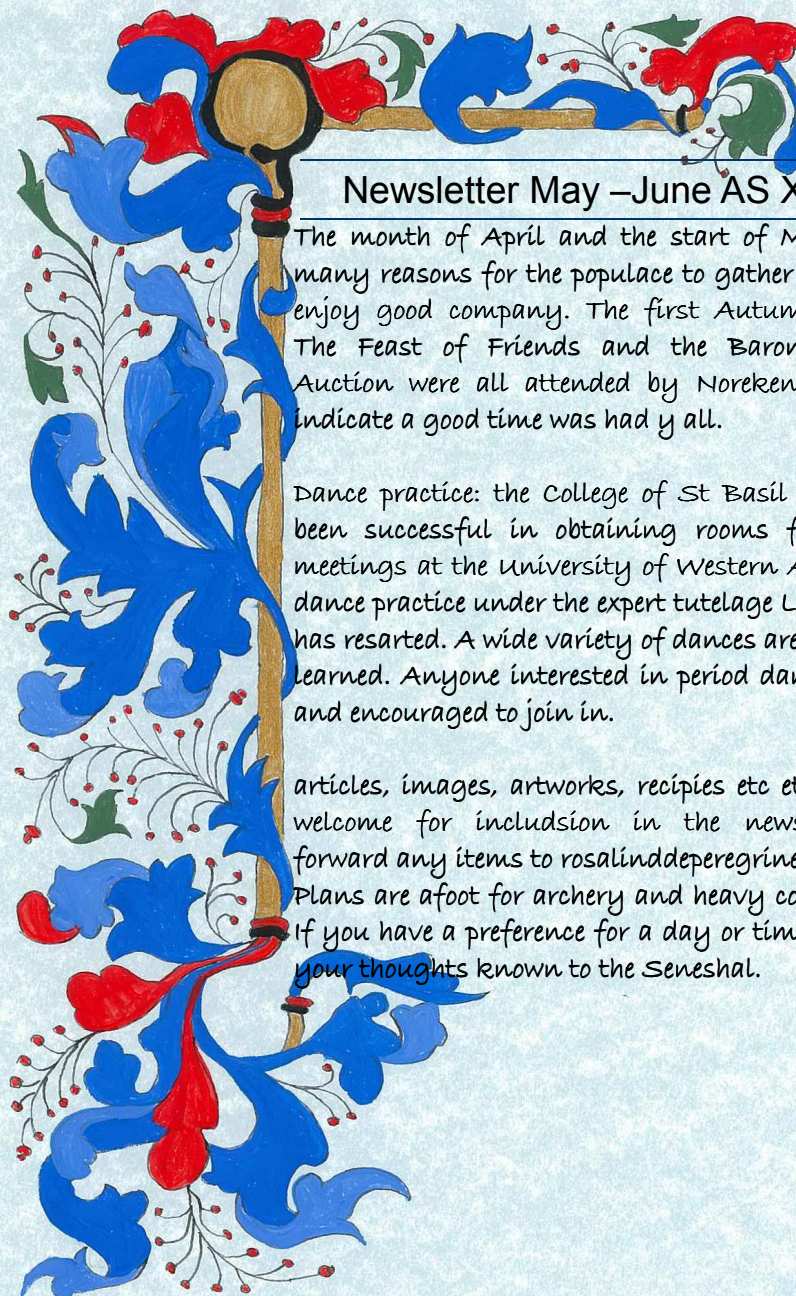


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The month of April and the start of May have seen many reasons for the populace to gather at events and enjoy good company. The first Autumn Gathering, The Feast of Friends and the Baronesses Fighter Auction were all attended by Norekens and reports indicate a good time was had y all.

Dance practice: the College of St Basil the Great has been successful in obtaining rooms for their A&S meetings at the university of Western Australia, and dance practice under the expert tutelage Lady Catherine has resarted. A wide variety of dances are practiced and learned. Anyone interested in period dance is welcome and encouraged to join in.

articles, images, artworks, recipies etc etc are all very welcome for inclusion in the newsletter. Please forward any items to rosalinddeperegrine@yahoo.com. Plans are afoot for archery and heavy combat practice. If you have a preference for a day or time, please make your thoughts known to the Seneshal.



Unto the populace I send greetings

The illumination on the front cover is my first attempt and is based on a template found on the net. A volunteer is sought for next month's cover.

There has recently been some discussion about the frequency and content of the Dragons Bay newsletter. I thank everyone for their input and promised contributions. Some ideas for submissions... do you have a question you would like answered or a tip to share, perhaps a recipe, poem or piece of research, photos, artwork or something you have made, send it to me at rosalinddeepregrine@yahoo.com and I will endeavour to include it. Feedback and thoughts are also welcome.

Yours in Service, your Chronicler
Rosalind

A Quest

MAY/JUNE QUEST: DECORATE NOREK. USE YOUR IMAGINATION AND WHATEVER TECHNIQUE YOU PREFER, EMBROIDERY, BEADING, PAINTING ETC. ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE JUNE EDITION. CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN. **APRIL QUEST RESULTS: WHO ARE YOU AND WHERE ARE YOU FROM (YOUR SCA PERSONA)?** CONGRATULATIONS YDENEYE FOR BEING THE FIRST QUEST ENTRANT. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN IN.

Ydeneye O Dunadhaigh: the name is actually old Norse, and here I thought it was Latin, well there you go, and O Dunadhaigh is old Irish Gaelic, so I am thinking my persona is the descendant of an Irish who married a Viking settler. Of course maybe an Irish prince who married a Viking princess.

Rosamond de Montfort: I am a 13th century Englishwoman from the Salisbury area. I am sure that I my ancestors have had many excellent adventures, and one day I hope to find out what they may have been. :) My name was originally submitted in May 2006, and approved by the College of Heralds in January 2007. Unfortunately there was a typo in my acceptance letter and they named me "de Montford" (with a d). They have agreed that it was indeed a typo, but unfortunately, it has to go thru the whole submission process AGAIN in order to fix it. It was sent with the August 2007 Laurels Letter of Intent.. and still has not been finalised.

Rosalind le clochard: I am changing my name from de peregrine, largely because I may have trouble registering it. Peregrine because it means to wander in Latin, le clochard has the same meaning and sounds more in keeping with my 16c French persona. Rosalind le clochard comes from Peregoux in the Dordogne region of France (near Bordeaux). I was sent to the French court by my parents to escape from the frequent wars in the region (the wars of roses had a large impact on the area). Rosalind's parents are minor nobility with le petite mainson not far from the town of Peregoux.



(top left) Lord Conan O'Cuan Mor & (top right) Baroness Jane at the Baronesses Fighter Auction. (below left) Lord Conan O'Cuan Mor fighting Lord Andre de Montsegur. Photos by Kerridwen de Domus Vesania.

Below: Matylda photographed a mysterious damsel at the Feast of Friends.



Gallery

The months of April and May provided many opportunities for the populace of the Western Shores to gather for fun, friendship and competition. Many thanks to the photographers who graciously permitted their images to be reproduced for the enjoyment of all.



Above: Jochan (facing) fighting Ulrick at the Autumn Gathering. Baron Lauchlan Ioseph of Dunbar observing and marshalling. Photo by Andre de Montsignour.

Top right: the mysterious Roxanne entertained guests at the Feast of Friends with displays of Tribal Belly Dancing. Photo by Matylda.

Bottom right: Friends from the House of DarkSun at the Feast of Friends. Photo by Matylda



Basic Dance Steps

Single Left: starting with the feet together, take one step to the left then bring the right foot to join the left.

Single right: starting with the feet together, take one step to the right and then bring the left foot to join the right.

Double left: starting with the feet together, step the left foot to the left, bring the right foot to the left but slightly behind it, step the left foot again to the left. Finally step the right foot to the left. Feet should finish together.

Double right: starting with the feet together, take the right foot to the right, bring the left foot to the right but slightly behind, step the right foot to the right again. Finally bring the left foot to the right. Feet should finish together.

Bransles (pronounced brawls)

The word Bransles is French and describes the side to side movement of the dances. Bransles are often danced in circles, though there are some danced in lines. They are relatively simple dances and were likely danced by lower and middle classes. Thoinot Arbeau published a book containing Bransles in 1589 called "Orchesography".

Horses Bransles: start in a circle with hands joined, alternative men and women.

Double Left, Double Right, four times

Men paw the ground twice with the right foot, single right, double left turning over the left shoulder moving in front of your partner and finishing on their left.

Ladies paw the ground twice with the right foot, single right, double left turning over the left shoulder moving in front of you partner and finishing on their left.

Repeat.

Adapted from Dels Dance Book

Grouops

- Barony of Aneala, (Perth, Western Australia) <http://aneala.sca.org.au>
- Canton of Abertridwr, (South of Perth, WA) <http://sca.org.au/abertridwr>
- College of St Basil the Great, (University of WA) <http://www.sca.org.au/basil>
- Incipient Shire of Bosenberg, (Southwest of Western Australia)
<http://www.sca.org.au/bosenberg/index2.htm.htm>
- Pre-incipient Shire of Dragons Bay, (South of Abertridwr and north of Bosenberg)
<http://www.dragonsbay.org/>
- Kingdom of Lochac, (Australia and New Zealand) <http://sca.org.au/lochac>
- SCA Corporate site, (Australia) <http://www.sca.org.au/>
- SCA Corporate site, (World-wide) <http://www.sca.org>

A Recipe

Agnes Black of Dunbar has provided a recipe for a medieval pickle.

Turkish/Persian Pickled Garlic

The garlic can be left unpeeled to give a nuttier taste - very messy to unpeel when eating, strong food only following the eating.

Ingredients (enough for 2lbs of garlic)

Garlic cloves to fill glass
1 tablespoon sea salt (less if using less than 2lbs of garlic)
1 tablespoon of coriander seeds, lightly bruised
12 peppercorns
2 - 3 dried chilli peppers
1 pinch Tarragon, Thyme or Marjoran
Cider or wine vinegar

Place all ingredients in jar
Cover with vinegar (metal lid vinegar no touch)
Leave cool dark place 3 months

Our Royalty—Heirs

Crown Prince Siirdean and Crown Princess Sibhan hail from the Barony of Stormhold. Their reign style is the Anglo-Saxon/Anglo-Norman between 1000 to 1100 with a focus on the time of William the Conqueror 1066. Crown Prince Siirdean has colours of blue and gold and Crown Princess Sibhan prefers purple and white.

(information from the Lochac Royal website)



A thought on Courtesy—how to behave at Court

The Herald has just called your name and asked that you attend their Excellencies, what now?

Start by removing all weapons/arms (if you are wearing any) and hand to a friend or better still remove weapons/arms prior to attending court. People will be standing or seated in front of the Royalty with an isle left free in the centre. Make your way to the centre isle and bow or curtsy, walk up to the throne. Bow or curtsy again and kneel on the cushion at the feet of the royalty, this has been placed for your comfort. The Herald will read out the announcement (about the award or purpose you were called to court) and the King, Queen, Baron or Baroness will say something complementary and present the award or honour. In my experience, limited as it is, the Baron will extend his hand and assist ladies to rise. Take several steps backwards, as it is not polite to turn your back on royalty, bow or curtsy again then turn and walk quietly to your seat.

If you are not able to kneel, bow or curtsy to show a sign of respect.

During court, it is polite to remain quiet and attentive.

Our Royalty—Current

With the upcoming royal visit for Pen-campwr and Coronation, I thought the good people of Dragons Bay might wish to acquaint themselves with our current Royalty: King Berenger of Nancy and Queen Bethan of Brockwood. Their excellencies hail from Rowany andreign in the Tudor Era (English and Spanish). His Excelency Berenger delights in seeing dancing at every feast and demonstrations of skill at arms in multiple weapon styles at tournaments. His Colours are Black and White and personal heraldry "Quarterly sable and



argent, four horned demon's heads couped countercharged". Her Excelancy Bethan is fond of tassels (at least) as tokens of victory in tourney combat. Her colours are Red and Blue (no personal heraldry). It is customary to present incoming and exiting royalty with gifts to celebrate their reigns.

1. Gifts to the Crown: A gift that has the Arms of the Kingdom of Lochac anywhere upon it is considered to be a gift to the Crown, rather than the people wearing them. As such, it will be retained by the person/group that so kindly presented the gift, to be enjoyed by the local populace and every visiting royalty thereafter. A gift that does not have the arms of Lochac upon it is considered to be a gift to the people wearing the crowns. They can choose to keep it as a personal gift, or treat it as a gift to the Crown per above.

2. Gifts for the Queens bits box: The Queens gift box contains small items that the Queen may choose to give as a token of appreciation to someone who has performed a service for her. Most gifts are of the Queens own instigation but some are made by the talented artisans of the populace. A number of queries have been raised with respect to the kinds of tokens that would be suitable for Queen to use. It is hoped that the following will provide a useful guideline for contributors wishing to do so:

- *Small in size (<250g) and easily transportable without fear of breakage.*
- *Labeled with the name of the artisan who made the item and a short (<100 words) description of the piece, its period of origin, provenance and how it was made.*
- *Not be made of perishable goods.*
- *Be useable by both gentlemen and ladies (although it is understood that this is not always possible).*
- *Not bear the Kingdom of Lochac arms.*

(Details and photograph were obtained from their Excellencies website at <http://www.sca.org.au/royal/regalia/index.html>)

Regnum Interim group officers for the proposed Shire of Dragon's Bay, and their contact details. In future issues of the newsletter, your officers and their roles will be introduced to you.

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Pencampwr Gan Abertridwr

Fri 30 May to June	Fri 2pm to Mon 4pm	Wandi Progress Association Hall, de Haer Rd, Wandl	Steward: Andre de Montseque an-dre010@westnet.co m.au Booking Officer: Branwen of Wechesvorde 9455 7002 SB315098@bigpond.net.au PO Box 1055 Wil-lagee	Dancing, Arts & Science classes, archery, fencing and armoured combat. Viking Feast, feats of skill & strength, bawdy tavern with drumming, dancing, games and saucy wench competition. Site opens 2pm. Saturday: train with the King Sunday: Armoured Combat Tourney, Grand Hund, Viking Feast. Monday: Target Archery, closing court Cost: \$60m, \$70nm, U16 half price, U6 free \$10 min deposit cheques payable to SCA inc Abertridwr
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Lochac Coronation

Fri 4 to Sun 6 July	Fri 7pm to Sun 11pm	Camp Leschenaultia, 40 Pl, Chidlow	Steward: Rhianwen ni Dhiarmada 9314 2506 / 0408 099 346 Jo-ann@bigpond.net.au Bookings Officer: Branwen of Wechesvorde 9455 7002 SB315098@bigpond.net.au PO Box 1055 Wil-lagee	The Barony of Aneala does invite all to the winter coronation of the heirs of Berenger and Bethan their most royal majesties King & Queen of Locach. The event will include dancing, entertainments, musicians, repast of succulent splendour, competitions, games of skill and good company. Camping & dorm accom available. Booking deadline: 29 June. Cost: \$85 m, \$90 nm. U16 half price. Family rates available, contact steward.
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SCA Ideologies

(adapted from the Known World Handbook)

1. *Treat those lesser in rank, knowledge or experience in the SCA as your equals, your equals as if they were superiors, treat officers as if they were representatives of the King and treat the King and queen with the reverence due to your sovereign.*
2. *Use medieval forms of address, if you don't know a persons name call them milord or milady.*
3. *Be faithful to your lord and your word. Be faithful to the interests of King, Kingdom and Society above personal advantage.*
4. *Gentlemen, honour all ladies. Treat all ladies with courtesy and respect. Be of assistance where possible.*
5. *Ladies, be worthy of all honour. Pay attention when your consort is fighting for your honour. Accept complements with grace.*
6. *Touch no persons goods without permission, give and receive with grace. Ask permission before entering a pavilion, sitting on a chair or touching armour. Remember to thank people for their kindness.*
7. *Be gentle to the stranger. People are often attracted to SCA displays, share your knowledge with them, you never know who our next new member is and remember we were all new once.*
8. *Raise your sword but not your voice. Be courteous in your speech.*
9. *Let the slain man tell if he be slain. Our fighters are honourable, they will acknowledge a fatal blow.*
10. *Reverence the king and queen. Show respect in the "Royal Presence" (this will be explained in more detail in another issue). Bow or curtsy as you pass in front of the royal pavilion, past the royal thrones, ask permission before entering the royal pavilion, try not to walk between royalty and the tournament or entertainment he/she is watching.*

