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Hail To The Chief!!

At the General meeting of the 5th of July 2003 of Glen Rathlin an election was held for the post of Chronicler the 'winner' was Caitriona of the Ravens. She has accepted the responsibilities of the post and is awaiting warranting from the Kingdom Chronicler. So with no further ado over to Caitriona (or 'Boss' as I know her!)

Robin of Dalriada

As Chronicler I intend to ensure that we as a shire have a newsletter published quarterly, with the possibility of occasional special editions when the opportunity arises.

My underling (the shire web minister) and myself will endeavour to have an online version of the newsletter available each quarter, so that those of you that wish to can download it.

All and any contributions are welcome and encouraged. If you do have anything you would like to see in the newsletter or any suggestions, please forward them to me, preferably via email.

We would encourage the writing of articles on any subject you would like, and also any pictures or original drawings we could use.

And now on with the show!

Caitriona of the Ravens
Shire Chronicler

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Crown Principality of Insulae Draconis Declared

On Friday 20th June 2003 at the Last Court of Matthew and Alienor their majesties were petitioned by the populace of the Isles, in the guise of Lord Robert of Canterbury to grant Crown Principality status.

With much ceremony and delight the outgoing King and Queen gave their assent, once having clarified the method of selecting the Viceroy to rule as their representative.

A Crown Principality differs from a full Principality by not having a Prince and Princess ruling them but rather Viceroys who work as a liaison between the branch and their majesties. All rulings on awards etc. come from the King and Queen of Drachenwald not the Viceroys. The heraldry for the Crown Principality is shown below:

The comprising shires are as follows:

Flintheath
Harpelstane
Lough Devnaree
Pont Alarch
Thamesreach
West Dragonshire
Glen Rathlin (incipient)
Eplaheimr (incipient)
Mynydd Gwyn (incipient)

Details of our first Viceroy Tourney can be found on page 4.



Bring out your Garb!!

Got any old garb gathering dust at the back of your wardrobe?

Then the Chatelaine would like to hear from you!

Donation of clean functional garb towards the shire's Gold Key collection will be greatly appreciated by the officers and any newbies wishing to try out 'the Game'.

Bring out your Garb!!

Glen Rathlin Archery Challenge

To all Archers of the Shire of Glen Rathlin, an archery challenge has been devised in conjunction with the Midrealm Winter Archery Shoot so that you can now hone your skills throughout the entire year.

All Archers of the Shire of Glen Rathlin are invited to participate in an archery competition from May 1st to October 31st inclusive.

Each shoot comprises five rounds, the latter four of which are actual shooting. The first round is a bonus round for those using period equipment and costume.

The shoot is hence also designed to encourage archers to tend towards a full set of period equipment and period costume and introduce archers to elements of field shooting.

A competition shoot may take place at any event, practice, or workshop, having been announced on the Glen Rathlin Mailing List and where a warranted SCA Archery Marshal is present to score it.



THE SHOOT:

Round 1 – Period Equipment And Costume

Objective: To encourage the archer to use period equipment and attire.

Detail: Points are awarded in six categories, up to a maximum as stated in brackets:

Bow [5] Bows should be of period design and materials (Strings may be of modern materials for safety).

Arrows [3] Wooden with feather fletchings, field or bullet piles (Nocks may be modern for safety).

Quiver [2] Period design and materials

Bracer [2] Period design and materials

Costume [2] Period design and materials

Bow Stand [1] Period materials

There is a total of 15 points available for the round.

Round 2 - Target Round 1

Objective: Intended to aid the archer to get acquainted with aiming at the target.

Detail: One end of 3 arrows is shot at a 40 cm, 5 ring FITA target face.

Distance: 10 yards.

Scoring: Standard 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 scoring.

Round 3 - Bull's Eye Round

Objective: To aid the archer focus on the target centre.

Detail: One end of 3 arrows is shot at a 16cm Gold centre target.

Distance: 5 yards.

Scoring: All arrows within or touching the inner circle score five points each (All arrows outside the centre bull's eye but within or touching the outer circle score three points each).

Round 4 - Target Round 2

Objective: To aid the archer track the target.

Detail: One end of 3 arrows is shot at a target consisting of a vertical strip of three 20cm field faces, affectionately known as 'bunnies', only one arrow per face.

There will be four vertical strips of targets with archers taking turns to shoot in the correct order namely, First archer shoots the first column, second archer shoots the third column, third archer shoots the second column and the last archer shoots the last column.

Archers will not be prompted when shooting.

Distance: 5 yards.

Scoring: Standard 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 scoring on each target face

Round 5 - Wand Round

Objective: To aid the archer achieve horizontal alignment.

Detail: One end of 3 arrows is shot at a 1-inch vertical strip target.

Distance: 10 yards.

Scoring: Each arrow within or touching the strip scores five points.

Shooting Range

The shooting range shall be laid out like any standard SCA range with the exception that there will be two shooting lines, one at 5 yards and one at 10 yards to eliminate moving of the target stand.

Archers should stand **behind** the shooting line and not astride it as in conventional shooting.

Target Boss

The standard 100 cm square field boss, Neoprene Foam Super Butt, which is currently used at the halls shall be used as a back to the shoot. All target faces shall be affixed to the boss with super butt target pins.

Insulae Draconis Viceroy Tourney

Date: 28 – 30 November 2003
(site opens 6 p.m. Friday - *No Early Arrivals*; closes 3 p.m. Sunday)

Site: Bramhope Scout Camp, Occupation Lane, Old Bramhope, Yorkshire, LS16 9HR, which is discreetly wet; bring own bedding *including pillow cases*, **no open flames**; alter style fires required; helper dogs allowed; outdoor designated smoking areas will be made available; handicapped access and facilities. For more information the Scout Camp has a web site at: www.petrus.co.uk/bramhope.

There is heated indoor bunk space for 92, crash space, and plenty of camping ground for those of a hearty nature! There are limited shower facilities available. Shops are a short distance away.

Cost: *Site fee* £8, *Feast* £6, *Board* (Traveler's faire Friday evening, breakfast S/S, lunch S/S) £5, *Crash space* £2, *Day only* £15 (site, feast, and Sat. lunch) Children 3-12 are ½ price with a family cap of 2 adults + 2 children. *Bunks* £2.50 (all ages) *Late fee* £2 (for reservations after 21 November)

A completed reservation form (one per person!) with payment is required for reservation. Feast fee is non-refundable after Wednesday, 26 Nov. unless a reserve fills in. A reservation list, event schedule, and B&B list can be found at: www.pontalarch.org. **Feast seating is limited and may have to be split by reservations so book early!** Pound checks payable to 'SCA-Shire of Pont Alarch' (Euro cash or US Dollar checks will be accepted by arrangement with the Steward.)

Steward: Baroness Cathryn of Chester (Anne Berdanier), #16 Castle Hill Drive,

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Reservations: Lord Acarin Saint-Cyr (Mike Pope), #40 Chester Rd., Preston, PR1 5HR,
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Children's Coordinator: Marie de Besançon

Activities Confirmed:

Viceroy Tourney and elevation, Arts & Sciences display, pick-up tourneys, Merchanting, Bardic Circle, dancing, gaming, and children's activities.

Other Possible Activities :

Rapier activities possible sidesword
Archery,
Youth Tourney,
Possible equestrian display.

Transport: The site is 3 m. from Horsforth railway station on the Leeds-Harrogate-York line, **2 miles from Leeds/Bradford International Airport, 1½ to 2 hrs from ferry ports**, and 20 minutes west of the A1.

Public transport is available from Leeds Bus Station and Otley Bus Station to Bramhope Church (Services 85, X84 & X85) also Leeds City Station and Otley Bus Station to Hilton Grange (Service 757).

Pick-up can be arranged from the closest bus and train stops with at least 24 hours notice to the Transport Coordinator. You will have to make private arrangements if you wish a ride from Leeds, Otley, or York.

Thank You

To m'Lady Gwen Campbell (MKA Jenn Pearce) from the Barony of Lion's Gate in An Tir who turned up at the practice on the 3rd May 2003 and held a well-received

Dance class **VIVAT!!!**

Drachenwald Tenth Year Celebration (D T Y C)

The shire was represented at this event by our Seneschal Robert d'Audrieu, myself (Robin of Dalriada) and Robert's guest from the West Kingdom, Nichole d'Audrieu.

This, naturally, was the biggest event to be held in Drachenwald for many a year, some say not since the Principality of Drachenwald's tenth anniversary bash.

Held in the scenic Schloss Burgau near Düren in Germany from the 19th to the 22nd June 2003, pictures of the site are available at

<http://www.drachenwald.sca.org/events/dtyc/index.htm>

The array of gentles attending was astounding from South Africa to the Arctic Circle and from Turkey to Scotland all of Drachenwald lands were represented.

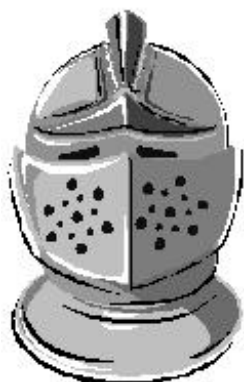
Gentles, known to the shire from Lough Devnaree, also attending were as follows;

THL Etienne
Master Sigmundr
Lady Sagadis
Lord Cernac
Lord Ulfric
Lord Arpad
Lady Chribhna
and Lord Cu Derg amongst others.

Although we arrived on the Wednesday evening the event started properly on the Thursday morning with breakfast & Troll, King Matthew and Queen Alienor held a short court outside in the upper courtyard to appoint the site guard and swear them into office for the event (Robert was amongst the volunteers). These gentles operated a rota of patrols around the camp to assist gentles in need and to safeguard the event from theft etc.

DTYC was running no less than five concurrent streams of events not counting the children's activities, I know as I ended up announcing most of them as the

announcing herald. First you have the Heavy and Rapier streams followed by the Archery stream and Arts & Sciences Classes and finally the Display stream.



Thursday had authorisations for heavy & Rapier followed by both Rose Tournaments, the Dragon's Heart 200 for Heavy and the Rapier Newbie Tourney. Archery was set up followed by a Royal Round, which I participated in. Classes included, reconstructing 13th century recipes, making medieval shoes, tabletweaving, heraldic cross-stitch, camp cooking and various dances. The Laurels had a display of their work 'Then and Now' to inspire others. In the evening were a feast and the Helmschau, a display of helmet crests for the Behourdium the next day. The impaled penguin was particularly impressive. The hall was festooned with banners from shires, baronies, principalities and Drachenwald itself and was a magnificent sight. A hearty well done to all involved especially Marina Olganova of Thamesreach.

Friday held the following; the Behourdium (Grand Melee, Challenges & Melee at the Barrier) for Heavy, The Academy and Potluck Tourneys for Rapier, and an IKAC (see last issue for details) for Archery. Classes included feast cooking logistics, making an Atlatl & arrows, inkle weaving, Nalbinding, designing a persona name, various dances and silversmithing amongst others. The evening brought us the Last Court of Matthew and Alienor, at which the Crown Principality of Insulae

Draconis was formally created as well as the Incipient Shire of Eplaheimr. (Vivat to one and all!!).

On **Saturday** we had both Albion Tournaments, the Squire's Tournament for Heavy, the Queen's Fencing Champion Tourney and the Bar Room Brawl for Rapier, archery 'fun shoots' were held and Snoopy was saved (sic). Classes covering double-weave tabletweaving, the basics of embroidery, Finger weaving, SCA Devices, and a Storytelling Workshop were held. A merchants marketplace and a heraldic consultation table operated with great success, followed by the Grand March of Barons and higher peerage into the Feast Hall for the First Court of our Current Majesties King Marcus and Queen Anna. An awe-inspiring sight if ever I saw one, more pointy hats than you can shake a stick at. The final feast was also this night.

Other memories include the final party of one Lady Amalthea Mandragoria, alias Cap'n Molly; the kindness of the emissaries from the Barony of Lion's Gate in An Tir, Lord Gilbert and his Lady whose name I have unfortunately forgotten; the Finns and their sauna tent (sic); and the unusual alarm clock of peacock calls.

Sunday was, as usual, a day of farewells to friends old and new and travel back to the realms of Mundania once more. If you missed it don't miss the next event of its type, it will be your loss.

Robin of Dalriada

Pure A & S Evening Practice?

Would the shire be interested in an evening of A&S work once a month, say the third Monday of the month?

Most likely held in the Senior Common Room in Belfast.

If so contact **Robin of Dalriada**

F orthcoming Events

See Kingdom Calendar for full listings

12th to 13th July **War of the Roses**
Flintheath, England

18th to 20th July **Feast of St. John**
Pont Alarch, England

1st to 3rd August **Unicorns Inspiration**
Arnavalley Scout Camp, Belfast
Glen Rathlin
www.ravenshield.com

12th to 14th September
Champion of Lough Devnaree
Lough Devnaree Republic of Ireland

4th October
Collegium of the White Mountain
Mynydd Gwyn, Wales
A&S Event

18th to 19th October
OktoberFence II
(incorporating the Insulae Draconis
Rotational Fencing Practice)
Glen Rathlin

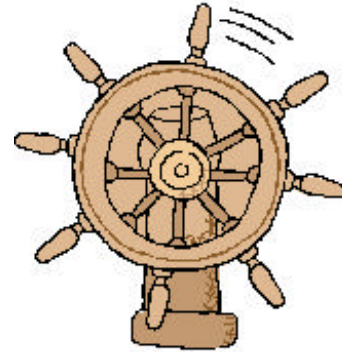
28th to 30th November
Insulae Draconis Viceroy Tournament
Pont Alarch

3rd January 2004
12th Night Coronation
Isles

Our own practices continue the first Saturday of the month unless notified otherwise on the mailing list.

If you want a specific workshop or practice to be run contact our Minister of Arts & Sciences (MoAS) & have a chat about it.

Who's Going Where?



❖ **War of the Roses**

Robert d' Audrieu

❖ **Unicorn's Inspiration**

EVERYBODY WE HOPE!!!

❖ **Insulae Draconis**

Viceroy Tournament

Robin of Dalriada

Njall the Mercenary

Robert d' Audrieu

Paul son of Brian

Caitriona of the Ravens

Next Practice & Events

The next practices will be held at the usual site (Ballyeaston Halls) unless notified otherwise upon the mailing list.

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on the following dates....

6th September 2003

4th October 2003

1st November 2003

No practice in August as our shire event Unicorn's Inspiration is being held instead from 1st to 3rd August at Arnavalley Scout Camp in Belfast.

See

www.glenrathlin.org

announcements page for more details.

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Contributions Wanted

Any and all contributions are welcomed and needed for this publication, as it's your newsletter! In particular, send me details of events you have travelled to so we can share your experience with the shire at large. Send by e-mail as a MS Word doc or TXT file to Historian@glenrathlin.org or by snail mail to 30 Bendigo Street Belfast BT6 8GD.

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