



# Fallen Leaves From Glen Rathlin

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## Words from the Chronicler

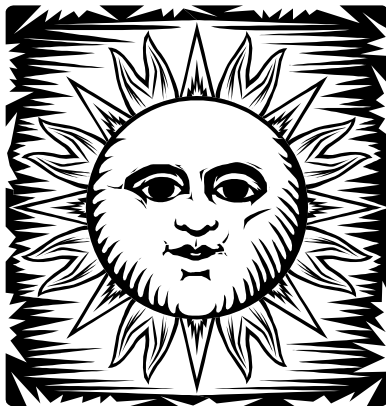
We have been a busy little shire this last few months, what with holding two events within a month of each other, both which seen people making things to be proud of.

At 5/8ths we had nearly thirty people making garb for a whole weekend, which included a visit by Sir Michael de Brad and Duchess Alyssandra Melusine (Viceroy and Vicereine of ID), whom held the first court ever in Glen Rathlin.

We also had May Faire, which seen much building of trebuchets into the wee hours of Saturday night, followed by an enjoyable competition in which golf balls got lobbed about. The winning trebuchet aptly named 'The Drunken Scut' went to pieces (literally) after receiving the Finn McCool award.

We also have details on two upcoming events to be held by our Shire Unicorn's Inspiration II and Yuletide University IV.

### *Caitriona of the Ravens*



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## Unicorns Inspiration II

"In the mists of time, a unicorn walked the land its heart heavy with sorrow. As the unicorn crossed the lands many great women and men, tried to inspire the unicorn, all falling short. Until, the unicorn came upon a valley with a little fort at its base. From the little fort came forth a gentle skilled in not only marital arts but also in the arts and sciences.

The unicorn was so inspired by the Chivalry and Skills of this gentle that the sorrow that had settled on its heart lifted. The unicorn now content and happy decided to remain in the valley of the little fort.

Years past and the gentle who inspired the

unicorn faded from memory, thus the Incipient Shire of Glen Rathlin called out to gentles across the land to come and compete in a great contest to inspire their unicorn.

Hence came Freydis Thorfinnsdottir to the shores of Glen Rathlin and through displays of her skills inspired the Unicorn and won the precious unicorn horn.

Nearly a year has passed since then and to be sure that Rockall's heart is never heavy with sorrow again, the populous of Glen Rathlin have decided that each year, they will call upon the gentles of our Kingdom and beyond to come and show their skills in contests, to find the new "Unicorn's Inspiration..."

The Incipient Shire of Glen Rathlin (sponsored by the Shire of Flintheath), on behalf of Rockall the Unicorn, invites all Lords and Ladies to come and compete in the style of the unicorn's inspiration.

Compete in Arts and Science, Heavy, Rapier and Archery to win the honour of being the unicorn's Inspiration.

Many other activities are planned for the weekend including the Unicorns Turch Lit Fencing Tourney, martial team games and an IKAC.

**Site:**

Arnavally Scout Activity Centre, 109 Old Milltown Rd, Belfast, County Antrim, BT8 7SP

Site opens 6.30pm on Friday 30th July and closes 4pm on Monday 2nd August.

**Site is strictly dry.**

**Cost:**

£18 Sterling per adult includes crash space, feast, a light dinner on Sunday, lunches and breakfasts (Saturday, Sunday and Monday). All bookings require pre-payment; all

bookings must be made by 23rd July 2004.

All cheques made payable to SCA Northern Ireland Club.

**Event & Reservation Steward**

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**Directions**

Turn off M1 at Junction 2 (Stockman's Lane)  
Follow Stockman's Lane to traffic lights and onto Balmoral Avenue (1.3 miles)  
At traffic lights turn right onto Malone Road (0.4 miles)  
Take first left at roundabout onto Milltown Road for one mile  
Turn left slip road at lights (signposted Arnavally Scout Centre)  
Turn left at T junction onto Old Milltown Road (signposted)  
Follow road till end (0.1 miles)  
You have now arrived at the event site.

**For great results use**



*(Much better than green stuff & cheaper too)*

## **Yuletide University IV**

The Incipient Shire of Glen Rathlin delights in announcing their YULETIDE UNIVERSITY IV (A winter College) to be held from the 26th until the 28th of November 2004 unto the good gentles of Insulae Draconis and the populace of Drachenwald as a whole.

### **Site**

The site will open at 7pm on Friday 26th and close at 5pm on Sunday 28th.  
SITE IS STRICTLY DRY!

### **Cost**

Site fee is £15 sterling for the weekend. Cheques made payable to 'SCA Club Northern Ireland'. Day rates are available on request from the event steward. This will include crash space for two nights, breakfast on Sat / Sun, also lunch Sat / Sun and the feast on Sat night. There will be no formal classes on Friday night merely sign up for the next two days classes, general socialising and greetings. Light refreshments will be available to remove the winter chill from traveller's bones.

### **Event & Reservation Steward**

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Please contact regarding any dietary issues and we will try to accommodate you.

### **Rules for A&S competition**

The Glen Rathlin Arts & Science Championship will also be held here and is

open to all attendees, entry details available from on the web site.

*Please note that we cannot accept ANY brewing entries due to the site rules.*

We would hope to be able to show the diversity of skills available across Insulae Draconis and welcome offers of teaching from all comers. Feed the hunger for knowledge of our populace!! If you would like to run a class or lecture on a topic please contact the event steward as soon as possible so we can try to accommodate you. The class schedule and other details including any additional costs for classes will be listed on the web site as they arise over the coming months.

## **Knowne World Academy of the Rapier More KWAR in 2004**

**KWAR** is the premiere forum for SCA rapier instruction in the SCA. **KWAR 2004** will be held at the Omni Southpark Hotel in Austin, Texas, USA (Bryn Gwlad, Ansteorra) on Thursday, 7 October through Sunday, 10 October. So what will be different?

**KWAR** attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a number of activities -- SCA and non-SCA -- that will make your trip unique.

On Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> the English Civil War Society of America (ECWSA) will be holding a one day event, Academy of the Soldier. This fun event will feature Blacksmithing demonstrations, training in the use of matchlock muskets (yes, you get to fire them), live fire cannon demonstrations and more. Remember this is NOT an SCA event, it is an ECWSA event. See their web page at: <http://academy.swordworks.org>.

On Friday, **KWAR** will kick off with a full day at the Garriot Estate on Lake Austin.

We will run melee workshops including bridge battles across actual bridges, town battles in a small village of real buildings, fort battles in a fully enclosed wooden fort, and ship battles on a model of a renaissance sailing ship. You can also Play your Prize in a scale replica of the Globe Theater. Friday night will feature a meet & greet reception in the Hospitality Suite at the Omni Hotel.

On Saturday and Sunday, Like the KWARs that have come before us we will offer classes for the dedicated rapier fighter. We will emphasize period fighting styles, advanced techniques, cutting edge ideas & equipment and other instruction that is hard for most SCAers to find locally.

For those NOT interested in rapier classes, a group of our talented local shoppers will organize a grand shopping trip we call the Silk Road Pilgrimage. The expedition starts at Ginger's Embroidery and The Leather Factory. The route continues through Silk Road with their selection of unique buttons, silks, linen and embroidered fabrics. Dine at the Central Market Café followed by a trip through Central Market (a market with the feel of an international bazaar). There are other unique shops nearby to explore including Book Stop and a grand finish at The Three Chocolatiers. This will not be an SCA activity.

Saturday Night brings the KWAR Gaming Revel at the Omni which features period games and dancing. Local musicians will provide live period music. For those who would rather explore Austin's night life, some of our locals have organized a non-SCA Pub Crawl to many interesting locations, including some of Austin's famous live music venues.

KWAR will also be offering a CD with articles, instruction and more. With a CD we can pack in 700 megabytes of information, graphics and video. And of

course there will be T-shirts. Check online for information about reserving yours! Attendees of KWAR get a special rate when they stay at the luxurious Omni Southpark Hotel located at 4140 Governors Row; Austin, Texas 78744; Phone: (512) 448-2222. The hotel has a nice restaurant, free airport shuttle service, plush rooms, a fancy coffee bar in the mornings, free wireless broadband Internet and much more for the price of \$79 per night for 1, 2, 3 or 4 occupants.

The cost for KWAR will be \$25 with pre-paid reservations or \$30 at the door. We will offer an additional \$5 discount to instructors. The deadline for pre-registration is Friday, September 10, 2004

To find out more visit our web site at <http://kwar.swordworks.org> .

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**Plan for KWAR in 2004!**

## General Meeting Minutes 01st May 2004

**Present:**  
Iona Willett  
George Kingston  
Al Darragh  
Seán Moore  
Caitriona Byrne  
Paul O'Brien  
Helen McLarnon  
Neale Pollard  
Leia Pollard  
Joanne Lafferty  
Trevor Houston  
Pauline Houston  
Dorothy Lusk  
Roy Hughes  
John Hughes  
Elaine Watson  
Malcolm Semple

**Proxies:**  
Neil Simpson

**Apologies:**  
None

*Results as follows (for / against / abstained)*

### 1. Rights of Non-members to vote:

#### Motion 1.

We the paid members of Glen Rathlin agree to uphold the voting rights of non-paid SCA members as defined in the voting and meeting regulations (available from the shire website).

**Passed (6/5/2)**

### 2. Election of Officers

**Knight Marshall:** -  
Lord Robert d'Audrieu (Neale Pollard)  
**Elected**

### 3. Proposed Changes to the Shire Rules

A. At present under the Officer Elections it reads:

\* The term of office for any Shire Officer will be 1 year with a maximum of four consecutive terms.

#### Motion

Change this to read:

\* The 'term of office' held by any Shire Officer will be one year and it is recommended that they serve no more than four consecutive terms in the same office.

**Passed (10/0/6)**

B. The number of members required for a vote of no confidence is too low at 3.

#### Motion

Change from 3 to 5 members for a vote of no confidence.

**Amend to 1/3 or 3 of the paid members whichever the greater.**

**To amend motion: Passed (14/0/2)**

**Amended motion: Passed (14/0/2)**

#### C. Motion

A sitting seneschal cannot be an event autocrat during their term of office.

**Declined (2/10/2)**

### 4. Proposal For running Viceroy May 2005

As Al has already mentioned on the list I have been looking at the feasibility of running the 4th Viceroy in May of next year.

Due to suitable sites booking up very quickly and the need to submit a bid sooner rather than later if we decide to go for it I would like everyone to think whether

a. We as a Shire want to bid for Viceroy May 2004

b. Where we would hold it if we do decide to make a bid the two options so far are

- Crawfordsburn
- The Boys Brigade Residential Centre Millisle

If anyone has any other suggestions the feasibility of using them can also be investigated

**No vote held**

## 5. Any Other Business

Reports from the following officers were given:

Herald  
Chronicler  
Web Minister  
Captain of Archers  
Knight Marshal  
Fencing Marshal



## Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Lady Elise Beaumont, Lady Caitriona of the Ravens, and Lord Paul son of Brian whom received Awards of Arms at 5/8ths.

I would also like to congratulate Lady Helen the Artisan who received her Award of Arms at Champions of ID, where she was “escorted” very “delicately” by Lord Seán.

Also congratulation to Lord Seán on taking the Kingdom office of Captain General of Archers, and Lord Paul who steps up as the Shire’s Captain of Archers.

### **Your Shire Needs You!**

What classes do YOU want to see run at Yuletide University IV?

Now’s your chance please send me your wish list for classes as well as any you wish to try to run yourself and I’ll see what we can do to accommodate you!

Info to: [herald@glenrathlin.org](mailto:herald@glenrathlin.org)

## Forthcoming Events

04<sup>th</sup> to 06<sup>th</sup> June

### Warbands X

Harpelstane, Scotland

18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June

### Coronation

Two Seas, Germany

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June

### War of the Roses

Flintheath, England

16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July

### Summer Tourney

West Dragonshire, England

30<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August

### Unicorn's Inspiration II

Arnavally Scout Centre, Belfast

12<sup>th</sup> September

### Equis Virisque

West Dragonshire, England

01<sup>st</sup> to 03<sup>rd</sup> October

### Bards Night

Mynydd Gwyn, Wales

08<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October

### Crown Tourney

TBD, Insulae Draconis

29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October

### Viceroy Tournament III

TBD, Insulae Draconis

06<sup>th</sup> November

### Kingdom University

Ad Flumen Caerulum, Austria

26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November

### Yuletide University IV

Arnavally Scout Centre, Belfast

Our own Monthly practices are on the first Saturday of every month unless notified otherwise on the mailing list.

If you want a specific workshop or practice to be run contact one of the officers.

*Full Kingdom/Shire Calendar listings on web site.*



## Next Practice & Events

The next practices will be held at the usual site (Ballyeaston Halls) unless notified otherwise upon the mailing list (scanorthernireland@yahoo.com) on the following dates....

**3<sup>rd</sup> July 2004**

**7<sup>th</sup> August 2004**

**4<sup>th</sup> September 2004**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October 2004**

## Súil an Oileáin Archery Practice

Súil an Oileáin are holding a day of archery training on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

The venue is Coláiste Dhúlaigh, Barryscourt Road, Coolock, Dublin 17 (Best landmark is Northside Shopping Centre, next door).

Time 10am to 3pm. Loaner gear will be available and training for beginners will take place. All folk interested in coming along please let Cernac know.

## Officer List

**Seneschal**  
Lady Elise Beaumont

**Exchequer**  
Kari Egilsson

**Pursuivant**  
Lord Robin of Dalriada

**Chronicler**  
Lady Caitriona of the Ravens

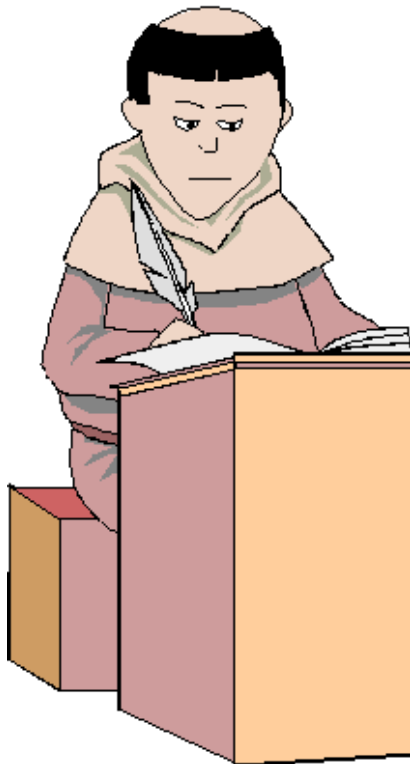
**Captain of Archers &  
Web Minister**  
Lord Paul son of Brian

**Knight Marshall**  
Lord Robert d'Audrieu

Contact via the Ministers links on  
<http://www.glenrathlin.org>

Or

Via the address to the right.



## Contributors

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**Lord Paul son of Brian**

**Lord Robin of Dalriada**

**Lord Cernac The Mad Celt**

**Lord Sean the Archer**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors for all their help in putting together this newsletter.

## 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 [Chronicler@glenrathlin.org](mailto:Chronicler@glenrathlin.org) or by snail mail to 30 Bendigo Street Belfast BT6 8GD.

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