



Fallen Leaves From Glen Rathlin

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Words from the Seneschale

Greetings all from your new Seneschale. Another year this time we are not incipient but are actually full shire (yeah!!!!!!!!!!!!) and to that I must thank everybody in the shire for all their hard work and effort that they have put in to make it so. Hopefully we can all continue this and work on strengthening our shire and more importantly having fun.

On that note we have an event coming up - Flaming Arrow which will of course appeal greatly to our archery community and hopefully bring some new faces to our shire. Viceroy bids have come in and we will be deciding on the bids soon. Anybody else that has a bid should forward it to me and the Financial Committee and myself would certainly welcome it.

On that note I will leave you but expect to hear from me with updates on either the website or mailing list.

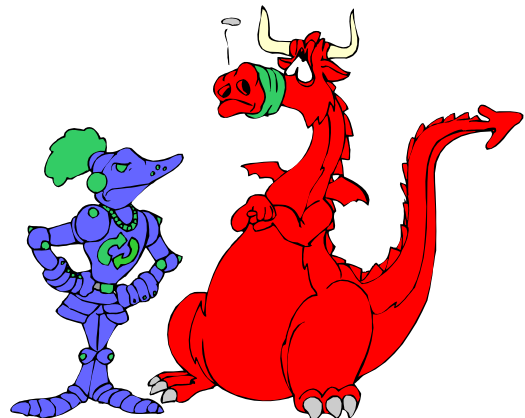
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Sofia da Negroponte



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Flaming Arrow

The Incipient Shire of Glen Rathlin is proud to announce Flaming Arrow, to be held on the 01st to 03rd of April 2005 at Ardnally Scout Centre, Belfast, Northern Ireland. We are hoping to have a weekend filled with Archery to keep the most active of people busy. This will include a field shoot run by Lord Seán the Archer (for which Lord Seán's is fast becoming famous), an IKAC, Royal Round, Drachenwald Round, fun shoot, and a beginner's class. The weekend will also include a table-top Trebuchets contest (Finn McCool Award). There will also be a camp fire (lit by (oddly enough) a flaming arrow) which hopefully will include a bardic circle (subject to who turns up).

The event site will open at 7pm on Friday 01st April 2005 and close at 5pm on Sunday 03rd April 2005. The site fee for the whole weekend will be £15 sterling with discounted prices for just Saturday or Sunday.

On Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided, and again on Sunday breakfast and a light lunch will be provided. Please let the Autocrat know of any dietary requirements.

Crash space will be available along with 30 folding beds (bedding not provided). Please note that the site is dry.

So if you plan on attending please let the Autocrat know as soon as possible. Pick ups may be arranged for those people traveling from over the waters from the city airport, Belfast train and bus stations. Just let the Autocrat know when you make your reservation if you require a pick up.

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 Ardnally 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.

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Champions of the Court of Love Event Report

Nestled in the heart of Ireland lies the Incipient Shire of Eplaheimr, host for this event on the 12th of February AS XXXIX (2005).

Travelling down on the Friday night, our party availed themselves of the kind hospitality of Masters Sigmundr and Etienne and Lady Sagadis, for which my greatest thanks to one and all.

An early-ish start found my lady Sofia, Lord Sean, Lady Helene and myself at the site to assist in some of the set up. It was brisk, to wit, cold and gusty but stayed predominantly dry just as we would have wished. The main hall was average sized with one end able to be closed off this end was used for the A&S Competition entries, A&S displays and merchants. As the site is a Gaelic Football ground there was an abundance of shower facilities and toilets both male and female available.

First up was Cupid in the guise of Lord Paul son of Brian, being presented with his wings (sic) before the archery contest began. This was probably the best attended of all the activities with twelve archers competing for their paramours (not the silver roses honest). This was a duel format shoot with pairs of archers shooting at a gambeson on an armour stand on a knockout basis. The loser would present a small pewter rose to the consort of their opponent. Glen Rathlin's participants were Lord Sean the Archer, Lady Helene the Artisan, Lady Caitriona of the Ravens, Lord Paul son of Brian, Sofia da Negroponte and myself. The eventual winner was our own Captain of Archers Lord Paul son of Brian.

By this time lunch was served, a salad buffet with hot drinks available and thereafter began the Fencing Rose Challenge Tourney. Earlier in the morning Lord Arthur of the Black Marsh had successfully authorised in an additional two weapon styles which served him well as he reached victory overall. He also wore a resplendent period-style fencing mask rather than a modern mask that looked really cool. Unfortunately Glen Rathlin was not represented in this tourney.

The A&S Competition had calligraphy, bronze brooches, gold-work embroidery and woodcarvings to list but a few, all very fine work dedicated to the theme of love. Glen Rathlin's entries included a bronze brooch by Lord Sean, some gold-work by Lady Helene and a calligraphied poem by myself.

Armoured combat was last once again, probably to allow enough time for the fighters to get armoured up. Once again this took the format of a Rose Challenge Tourney with Sir Havordh being the wildcard that few of the fighters had faced before. Lord Paul was the only Glen Rathlin representative in this tourney.

The feast by Lord Merlin Sparhawk and his team was very good with a nice mixture of period and not so period removes. The Vicereine, Lady Mary verch Thomas held a short court during feast to present some backlog scrolls to Lady Helene the Artisan, Lady Caitriona of the Ravens and Lord Paul son of Brian. A scroll for Lady Elise Beaumont was given to myself to deliver.

Lady Mary also presented the solid silver rose prizes to the victors of the day, to wit.

Archery Lord Paul and Lady Caitriona
Fencing Lord Arthur and Lady Sadhbhin
Heavy Master Sigmundr and Lady Sagadis
A&S anonymous presented by request to Master Etienne

Best place setting Lord Arthur and Lady Sadhbhin

She also made presentation of small gifts to Britta on her first event, to the feast crew and to Lady Beatrice and Lady Caitriona for their help.

The last prize was for the bardic presentations, that were interspersed between the removes. There were at least seven separate entries, quite a change from the usual low number at events.

Glen Rathlin's entrants were all readings of poetry; Lord Caradoc read some quotes from period poems whilst Lord Sean and myself both read sonnets written by ourselves for the occasion.

The final winner was Lady Adele Chadwykke's beautiful song with Lord Sean's poem coming a close second.

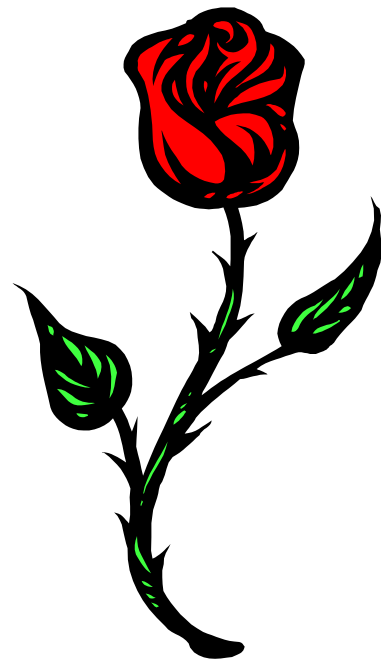
Although dancing had been planned after feast I believe that the majority of the attendees were too tired or stuffed by the end of it to worry about it. Clean up progressed reasonably efficiently and all left to go their separate ways until the next event.

Overall I had a good time, and I believe the majority of those attending did likewise, I thoroughly recommend travelling to events outside the shire once in a while to broaden the mind. The other shires don't bite, honest! ☺

Lord Robin of Dalriada

Announcement

Please note that the Shire is now holding two practices a month. The first Saturday of the month is to be held at Ardnally Scout Camp, Belfast (Pathfinder Hut), and the third Saturday is to be held at Ballyeaston Church Halls. Also note that the price for practices has risen to £3.50.



Forthcoming Events

04th to 06th March

Rent-a-Don III

Mynydd Gwyn, Wales

19th March

Crown Tournament

TBD, Frankmark

01st to 3rd April

Flaming Arrow

Ardnally Scout Centre, Belfast

8th to 10th April

Insulae Draconis Protectors

Pont Alarch, England

23rd April

Viceroy Tourney IV

Mynydd Gwynn, Wales

18th June

Midsummer Coronation

West Dragonshire, England

Our own Monthly practices are on the first and third 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 sites (Ardnally, Belfast and Ballyeaston) unless notified otherwise upon the mailing list
(scanorthernireland@yahooogroups.com) on the following dates....

5th March (Ardnally)

19th March (Ballyeaston)

16th April (Ballyeaston)

30th April (Ardnally)

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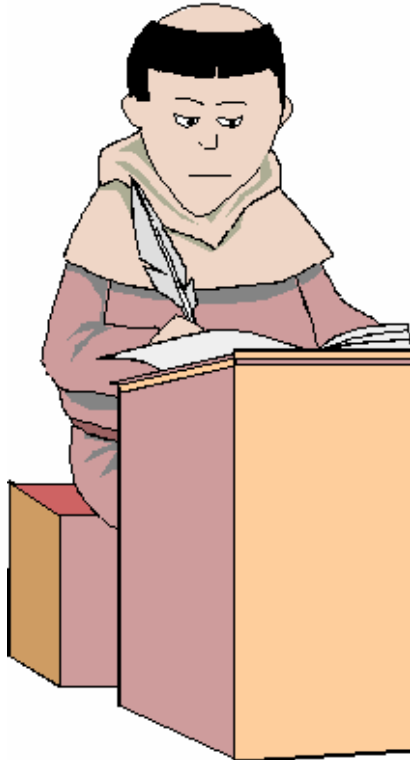
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I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors for all their help in putting together this newsletter.

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 or by snail mail to 11 Ravenhill Street, Belfast BT6 8EP.

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