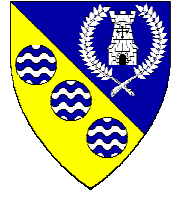




# Griffintayle



January 2010, AS XLIV

## Upcoming Events

### February

13 St Valentines Picnic (Alexandra, page 4)  
17 St Aldhelms O-Week Stall & Demo (Adelle, see page 3)  
26-1st [Border War XII](#) (Borderscros)

### March

7 St Aldhelm College Newcomers Feast (Adam, page 5)

### April

1-6 [Rowany Festival](#) (page 6)  
2-5 Crossroads presents the 100 Hour War (page 3)

### May

7 –9 May Crown, [Rowany](#).  
29 Privateers Feast (Adam)

### August

17—19 St Vitus' with Proposed Bal D'argent Bid (Joanna)

### November

20-21 Proposed Valhalla War (Adam)

## Activities

### **Baronial Council Meeting:**

Last Wednesday of each month at **7pm**: Haig Park Scout Hall, Turner (new time during A&S).

### **St Aldhelm College Meeting:**

Monday 5:30 pm G029 Copland Building, ANU

## Arts & Sciences

### **Arts and Sciences Main meeting:**

Sundays 3:00 pm, Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner

### **Arts and Sciences Meeting:**

Wednesday 7:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

### **Baronial Dance Classes:**

Sundays, 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

### **Scriptorium:**

2nd Sunday of each month, 2:00 pm, Haig Park

### **Baronial Dance Classes:**

Sundays, 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

### **Choir Practice:**

1st Sunday of the month 4:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

### **Pot Luck Feast:**

1st Sunday of the month 5:30 pm, Haig Park, Turner

## Combat Activities

### **Armoured Combat Practice:**

**Main Practice:** Sundays 3:00 pm, Haig Park, Masson St, Turner

**Alternative Practice:** Tuesdays 6:30 pm, Park in Edwards St, Higgins.

### **Rapier Practice:**

Sundays 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Masson St, Turner

### **Archery Practice:**

Sundays 10:00 am till 12:00 pm (1st Sunday of the month is an Inter Kingdom Archery Competition)



## Seneschal's Note

Welcome to 2010 and don't forget to practice your "yarhhgg"! Ysambart.

[Ed. Yarhhgg as in Pirates, otherwise you'll have to ask the Seneschal if you want more sense!].

## **Meeting Minutes**

27 January 2010

*Scout Hall (Ysambart):* New agreement signed, Wednesdays now have to be paid for, this raised annual cost from \$2500 to \$4000. Therefore to save costs Baronial meetings will coincide with A&S at 7pm.

*Privateers Feast 29 May*— please note this will now include a visit from the current royalty.

*Chronicler (Zanobia)*- nothing surprising to report, people are still giving me information which is great.

*A&S (Caera):* cushions were a bit hit and are now both in Qld. Documentation will be finished soon. Lots to continue with including the frieze, and fencing tourney bits.

*12th Night 2011 (Honore):* Polit will be hosting this event. Planning team will meet soon. This will be a late afternoon event with a twilight tourney. Saturday will be at Aspen Island and Sunday at Peace Park. If you want to help contact Honore.

*Valentines Feast 2010 (Alexandra):* Bookings have now reached break even (yay!), a back up cook for the night would be helpful, if you would like to help contact Alex (details page 4).

*John*— members don't forget to vote in the pay-to-fight poll.

Welcome back Lynn!

*Archery (Ulric)*- Although it is a 5-Sunday month, it is too hot to think, so no novelty shoot this weekend, just ordinary practice. Next Sunday February 7 will be the first IKAC for the new season.

*Reeve (Aeveril):* \$482 banked from Spanish Feast, St Vitus funds and paperwork also all received, so feasts are up to date. Current bank balance \$4200. Bart will discuss new payment scheme now that hall agreement finalised.

*College of St Aldhelms (Adelle):* Newcomers proposed date changed and confirmed as 7 March, to be held at Haig Park (Sunday afternoon/evening event). This makes best use of already having the hall. Adelle is stepping up as College Seneschal.

*Oweek Demo:* 17 February, see page 3 for full details.

*Business Cards (Ysambart):* The Barony now has nice business cards with a few details about the groups and contacts to hand to interested new people. Many will be made up and distributed to members to hand on to new people.

*Baron & Baroness (Alessandro & Isobel):* Went to Torylon Cloth of Gold feast—it was awesome. They are now focusing on their strengths, mainly to produce high quality feast. Right up with the top feasts we've ever attended.

Also looking for interest in running New Year event plus Baronial fencing champion tourney.

*Working Bee (Ysambart):* due to bad timing and not great advertising no SCA people attended the Haig hall working bee—this is bad because it is part of our deal to keep our storage space. Will organise something to do to keep this up.

*Hall Decorations (Ysambart):* Also have the option of putting up semi-permanent decorations in the hall (shields and banners). We can put up new wires/hook. The other users of the hall think it's a great idea.

*Baronial Meeting Time changed to 7pm (still the last Wednesday of each month) to reduce hall hire costs (will clash with beginning of A&S).*

*Hospitaller gear (Ysambart):* Received some great donations from Maxx including about 30 hospit kits. If you have any Baronial hospit gear please bring to Haig hall on a Wednesday or Sunday.

*Festival (Isobel):* Please inform us if you intend to camp with Polit and even if you are not, we'd like to know how many Polit people will be there. Also please say if you are interested in a food fund as if there are enough people something may be organised (but not by the B&B). Sigmund will be coordinating the Polit campsite and bookings this year. Also keep in mind if you want to camp with Polit there may be a small fee to go towards equipment hire (tent, gas burners etc). This will be decided next meeting. More details will be emails to the list.

*Festival Marshall (Ysambart):* The King would like to keep any war declarations/ ceremony simple. Des Cartes looks to be big enough to be their own side, the Barony would like to fight beside all its allied college and households.

*Herald (Catherine)*: One submission in and one pending, please not you don't need to pay this year.

At the Baronial Council meeting tonight, there was a short discussion about a survey being undertaken by the College of Heraldry to seek feedback on the policies and procedures for submissions (of names and devices). As we have had quite a few discussions within the Barony about this over the years, we thought people may be interested to know this is happening and might take the opportunity to give their opinion somewhere it may count. The link to the survey is:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GLJZDDZ>

The official deadline for feedback is 31 January, although later submissions to [rules@herald.sca.org](mailto:rules@herald.sca.org) will still be welcome. (Please see the Baroness's email to the Polit list on the 28th of January for more details, to sign up to the Polit email list see the last page of this newsletter).

***Crossroads presents the 100 Hour War,***  
from 2 - 5 April 2010 (Yes, Easter) [1] on the Crossroads property, Sheldricks Lane, Yass.

The 100 Hour War is a non-SCA semi-catered medieval camping event, open to both SCA and metal weapons groups to come together and share with each other. There will be wars - both rattan and metal weapons (assuming there are enough combatants), Arts and Sciences classes, archery, fencing - everything you'd want during an Easter medieval event, plus the evening meal thrown in (soup kitchen three nights and Medieval feast one night, all catered by Tosti, late of Politarchopolis, now in Torlyon).

The booking form can be found at <http://www.crossroads.org.au/documents/100hours/bookingform.pdf>

Prices: [Co-op member/ Non-member/ Child Day rate (inc meal)]

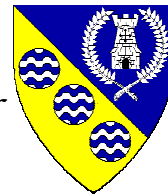
Until 31 Jan 2010 \$135/ \$140/ \$60/ \$35.

Until 18 Mar 2010 \$160/ \$165/ \$75/ \$40.

At the Door \$200/ \$210/ \$95/ \$55.

[1] staying before and after can be arranged I'm sure - I just haven't checked with the board.

Rob Bolin, 100 Hour War Steward



## *St Aldhelm O-Week Stall and Official Demo Tourney*

Hi all,

It is coming round to that time of year again. The final month of summer is fast approaching and a new lot of students are arriving at the ANU, eager to begin the academic year.

Of course what we want to do is introduce all these eager people to the SCA via the college of St Aldhelms. To achieve this goal, St Aldhelms is hosting a market day stall during O Week, in an attempt to woo any possibly yet to be discovered Scadians.

Through out the day we wish to run heavy and rapier demonstrations. We have been asked to do a special 30 minute heavy demonstration behind the ANU bar on the grass. By doing this demonstration we can forgo the \$150 stall holder fee.

What we need is volunteers, everybody and anybody can help. We need people who can be there the whole day or even people who can only spare an hour or 2.

### Stall Details:

Date: Wednesday 17th February, 2010

Time: All day, 9am - 5pm approximately (exact times to be confirmed)

Location: Copland Building courtyard

Who we need : Everybody

Heavy fighters

Rapier fighters

People with expertise on any A&S topic

People in garb

People happy to meet and greet students.

People with projects they want to show off.

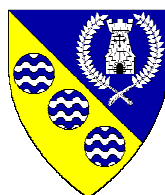
### Official Demonstration:

Date: Wednesday 17th February, 2010

Time: 12.00 pm for 12.30pm till 1pm

Location: Behind the ANU bar.

Who we need : Heavy fighters.



If you can help, please contact Adelle Verrier [adelle.verrier@gmail.com](mailto:adelle.verrier@gmail.com)



The Lionheart Company Presents:

## The Festival of Birds

St Valentine's Day Tourney and Feast: Saturday 13 February 2010



The English associated lovers with the feast of Valentine because on that day "every bird chooses him a mate." So in honoring the day of St Valentine come one, come all for a day of lounging by the lake watching the Rapier Tournament and seeing who will be the next Baronial Rapier Champion. All to be followed by a delightful Feast in homage to our small, and large, feathered friends.

A&S competition will be a celebration of all things feathered and bird related. Any object with feathers or birds.

**Location:** Belconnen Sea Scout Hall - Beissel St Belconnen

**Times:**

Tourney: Lists opens at 2.30pm with Tourney beginning at 3.00pm sharp!

Feast hall opens at 6.00pm with feast starting at 6.30pm. Lights-up at 11.00pm with hall closing at 11.30pm.

**Prices:**

Tourney/Day Cost: \$3 members, \$5 non-members

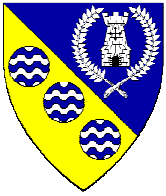
Feast (inclusive of Tourney):

Members - \$26

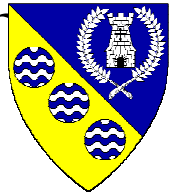
Non-members - \$33

Children under 5 free, children under 16 half price. Contact steward for hardship cases or family rates.

**Steward** (inc bookings): Alexandra Hartshorne (Alex Rapp) 0423 658 386 or by email to 'the\_menagerie@optusnet.com.au'



# *St Aldhelm's Newcomer's Feast and Tournament*



*When: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of March, 2010.*

*Where: Turner Scout Hall - Haig Park.*

*Cost: Newcomers and Members - \$10  
Non Members - \$12*

*Heavy tournament: Lists open at 1.30. Armour inspections at 2.*

*Fencing tournament: Lists open at 3.30. Armour inspections at 4.*

*Doors open for the feasting hall at 4 with the first remove around 6.30.*

*For bookings and any dietary requirements contact the Steward:  
Adam the Renegade via email: [tourist34@hotmail.com](mailto:tourist34@hotmail.com) ; After hours  
mob 0400299760.*



*Please come and join the College of St Aldhelm to start off the year  
with good company, and help welcome new people into our society!*

## Your Chronicler's Musings...

Greetings,

Well, here we go, we've started again! Hope you are all in Festival planning mode, there are only a few weekends to go! No really! It was great to see a bunch of people at the meeting, even if you were kind of there by accident! Luckily meeting and A&S will overlap more regularly now.

Yours, *Zanobia*



## *Rowany Festival*

Next price rise is at the end of February, adult member cost is currently \$90, while non-members are \$95. Full details available online: <http://rowany.sca.org.au/festival/>

## Contacts



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**Seneschal:** Bartholomew Baskin  
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### **Politar chopolis**

Politar chopolis is the branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism based on the Australian Capital Territory and surrounds

**Baron and Baroness:** Alessandro von Florenz and Isobel le Bretoun (Simon and Kate Price)  
The Baron and Baroness oversee the general activities and operations of the Barony and act as the regional representatives of the Crown.  
Email: politar chopolis@sca.org.au



### **Seneschal:** Ysambart Courtin (Bart Beswick)

The Seneschal is the representative for the Barony in the outside world and acts as the chief administrator, similar to a group president.  
Email ysambart@gmail.com

**Deputy Seneschal:** Honore de Corbeau  
(Georgia Winter)



### **Reeve:** Aeveril of Ambledune (Danni Crawford)

The Reeve is responsible for the financial affairs of the Barony. Email: [danianha@hotmail.com](mailto:danianha@hotmail.com)



### **Arts and Sciences Minister:** Caera Sionnach (Brooke Perkins)

The Arts and Sciences Minister coordinates the study and practice of the medieval arts and sciences within the Barony.



### **Herald:** Catherine of Glastonbury

The Herald is responsible for all forms of announcement within the Barony and is assumed to be speaking on behalf of the Crown. Heralds are also responsible for assisting the populace with submissions, such as when devising names or heraldic devices such as coats - of - arms.



### **Marshal:** Cornelius von Becke (Cornelius Weber)

The Marshal maintains the safety of the populace during Society combat activities, both those who are actively involved in addition to those who are spectators. The marshal is also responsible for ensuring that each combatant is authorized to participate and will adhere to the Society conventions of combat.



### **Rapier Marshal:** Gabrielle of the Marshes (Jenni McInnes)

The Rapier Marshal coordinates the group's fencing activities and maintains their safety standards. Email: [jennifer.mcinnnes@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.mcinnnes@gmail.com)



### **Captain of Archers:** Ulric of Ambledune (Ian Crawford)

In conjunction with the Marshal, the Captain of Archers coordinates the group's archery activities and maintains their safety standards.

Email: [danianha@hotmail.com](mailto:danianha@hotmail.com)



### **Keeper of the Lists:** Elizabeth de Foxel

The Keeper of the Lists records all the authorised combatants within the Barony as well as those who enter fighting events and the outcomes of martial contests.



### **Chirurgeon:** Catherine de Boniface (Gina Casey)

The Chirurgeon is the Baronial first aid officer. Email: [gkcasey@ginacasey.com.au](mailto:gkcasey@ginacasey.com.au)



**Hospitaller:** Jonathon of Loch Swan  
The Hospitaller is the initial point of contact for most newcomers and helps them feel welcome in the Society. The Hospitallery also coordinates requests for public displays.



**Chandler:** Vacant  
The Chandler loans out garb and feasting utensils to newcomers. She also stores the Barony's banners, tablecloths, cooking and serving equipment for the Barony to use at our events.



**Constable:** Valentine der Spieler  
The Constable is responsible for the maintenance of Society law. The constabulary is also responsible for lost property.



**Chronicler:** Zanobia Adimari (Clare Rix)  
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**Saint Aldhelm**  
The College of St Aldhelm is the branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism based at the Australian National University.

**College Seneschal:** Alice verch Owain (Fiona)  
Club president equivalent. Official contact.  
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**<http://www.facebook.com>**

Polit can now be found on the popular social network site. Search "Barony of Politarchopolis" and join the group or type in <http://www.new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=20169734823>

**<http://the.lochac.net>**

The Lochac Network is a new independent initiative to take the work out of networking in Lochac.

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