

Newsletter of the Barony of Politarchoopolis

# GRIFINTAYLE



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### Other Upcoming Events:

5<sup>th</sup> December - Potluck Picnic & Lazy Games Day

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January – St Blasius Weekend (TBC)

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## Politar chopolis Regnum

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### Regular Meetings

♥ **Baronial Meetings:** the last Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Check with the Seneschal for location.

⚔ **Baronial fighter practice:** Sunday: from 2:00 pm at Haig Park, O'Connor near scout hall, Fencers and heavies welcome. Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm, at Mawson Oval.

E **Rapier practice:** Sundays, starting at 1.30 pm at Haig Park O'Connor.

🏹 **Archery practice:** Sundays, 10:00 till 12:00 at Tuggeranong Archery Club, Western end of Soward Way, Tuggeranong. Cost 5 gold to non TAC members Range fees to TAC members. Thursday Twilight Archery from 5:30pm also at Tuggeranong Archery Club.

& **Arts and Sciences:** Sundays - after fighter practice, same location. Wednesday - between 12:30 and 3:00pm at the Mummery. Contact the Seneschal for location details and to confirm the session is on.

♠ **Guild Sunday** – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Details vary – contact A&S Minister for details.

🎵 **Choir Practice:** 1st Sunday of each month, 1pm, Haig Park. Contact Crispin Sexi for details [jaysen@au1.ibm.com](mailto:jaysen@au1.ibm.com) or Ph: 6241 0919.

✂ **Stitch and Bitch:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the A&S Ministers house from 7pm (southside), 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at the Baroness's from 7pm (northside), the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday will run in concert with The College A&S meeting. If there are 5 Thursdays in a month the 4<sup>th</sup> will also be at the Baroness's residence and 5<sup>th</sup> will be with The College. See Regnum and below for address details.

✂ **College A&S:** Thursdays, 6pm, Room G30 in the Copeland building, ANU.

⚔ **Baronial Dance Classes:** 2-4 pm Sundays at the Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner

📖 **Scriptoria:** Held by the College of Scribes every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 1:30-4:30pm. The site does change, so contact the local Warden, Lady Morag Freyser at Raven's Nest for details. Peynters and Limmers welcome too.

🔪 **Mid week Boffer and A&S meeting:** Every Wednesday 3.30 - 5.00pm. Room 3 of the Tuggeranong Community Centre Cowlshaw Street, Greenway. Please check the notice board on entry as meeting may have been moved to a different room - will be under House Anaticula (SCA)

## Upcoming Events

### **P**otluck Picnic & Lazy Games Day

When: Starts 11 am, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2004.

Where: Eddison Park

Cost: Your potluck dish and a donation for the Baronial bits box.

Autocrat: Darby de Askote (Alinta Brown)

[alinta@hotmail.com](mailto:alinta@hotmail.com)

Ph: (02) 6161 7734, Mob: 0421 045 472

The sun is out, summer is here and Yule approaches. Come celebrate the coming of midsummer with a lazy day outside under the shade of tall wide trees. Come share your prosperity with the barony by bringing with you a dish to share. On offer will be races and games, boffer tourney, and an open list field for any who choose to challenge another. A lounging pavilion will also be provided for those that find watching such activities exhausting. Board games, cards or books of hours decidedly welcome.

There will be a rapier tourney on the day. Lists open at 11:30am for a round-robin, random weapons tourney with novelty bouts thrown in.

A&Sish Competitions:

Food - If you wish your potluck dish can be judged (and nothing rhymes with judged!)

Pillow – best pillow for the lounging pavilion (either your own or brought for others comfort)

Note: Plans for this event are still in the making. If you wish to set up a stall, stage a mummer's play; donate a pavilion, a pile of carpets and cushions, or banners; or even run a tourney, please contact me.

### **S**t Blasius Weekend

When: 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

Where: Innabuanya Campsite, Majura Rd, Majura ACT

Cost: Full event – non-residential \$33, Dorm \$57 or camping \$50. Feast Only - \$19. Per day - \$16. Non-booked add \$4, Children aged 6-12 half price.

Steward: Crispin Sexi, [crispin@homemail.com.au](mailto:crispin@homemail.com.au)

Come to St Blasius and enjoy a weekend of singing, playing music, and dancing. There will be practical classes in all things musical, and a major choral piece to learn to sing. Friday night: singing and soup kitchen. Saturday: classes, lunch and more classes. Saturday Night: feast and ball. Sunday: classes, lunch and concert.

## Events Elsewhere.

### **R**owany Baronial Investiture and Yule Feast

Who: The Barony of Rowany (Sydney, NSW)

When: December 10 to 12 2004-11-01

Where: Heathcote Scout Camp, Heathcote

Time: From 6.30pm Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Come celebrate the end of an era and the start of a new one at the stepping down of Corin and Keridwen as Baron and Baroness of Rowany, and the stepping up of Hrothgar and Helene, by the hands of Draco and Serena, King and Queen of Lochac. And a lot of other fun things too.

The weekend includes:

Friday night: Ball and Gaming as well as Buffet supper.

Saturday: Roman Games (with archery, pilum tossing, chariot racing, plumbata and armoured footracing).

On-the-spot A&S competitions, we give you the materials, two hours later we judge your piece.

An open-air feast and Courts of Devestiture and Investiture (with food served throughout), Traditional Yule Entertainment (Green Man, Boar's Head, who knows - maybe even Sun Onna Stick Players), A&S competitions, and Dancing.

Sunday: Heraldic Heavy Tourney and Light Tourney (yes, in armour) and Rapier Tourney (Lists open 9am; Tourney Starts 9:30, Round Robin tourney). Plus closing Court with the announcement of Baronial Champions.

Camping and bunks are available, with breakfasts in the mornings. NB bunks are only available if we get more than 30 bunk bookings by Dec 3, so if you want one, book one now!

Prices:

Camping flat rate, includes breakfasts: \$19

Bunking flat rate, includes breakfasts: \$33

(camping and bunking free for 5 and under)

Feast attendance ONLY: booked by 3/12 \$20 members/\$22 non-members, at the door \$23/\$25

Full weekend (Ball, lunches, feast) booked by 3/12 \$35 members/\$39 non-members, at the door \$38/\$42

Under 16 half price; five and under free.

Hardship cases will be considered.

Bookings to: [bethan@sca.org.au](mailto:bethan@sca.org.au)

Or

Bethan of Brockwood (Sasha Curthoys)

11 Palace St

Ashfield NSW 2131

02 9716 5643

Out-of-towners, please contact me if you need help getting from the airport to and from the site.

Bethan of Brockwood

Steward of Rowany Yule

### **T**welfth Night Coronation

Who: Shire of Arrowsreach (Eastern Melbourne, Vic)

When: 8-9<sup>th</sup> January 2005, Saturday 10am-11pm, Sunday 9am-3pm

Where: Coldstream Community Centre, Kelso St Coldstream. Melways Ref: 281 B 10

Cost: by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec \$35, \$100 for family. After 31<sup>st</sup> Dec \$40, \$105 for family. Add \$10 for non-members.

Steward: Mistress Margie of Glen More,  
[mhenley@zip.com.au](mailto:mhenley@zip.com.au)

Merchants will be most welcome and there will be a \$5 fee for merchants, which will cover both days. Tables will be provided but if you can bring your own sunshade that will be appreciated.

Please notify the steward of any dietary requirements or intention to merchant at time of booking.

Limited billeting is available, please contact Vandel Lynchea (03 9505 4299, [lynchea@hotmail.com](mailto:lynchea@hotmail.com)). Both hotel and motel accommodation is available in the Lilydale area but please book early as this is a peak holiday time.

Bring armour on the Saturday of the event as there will be a one-on-one archery tourney held as well as a challenge tourney. The Queen's tourney will be on Sunday (format TBA).

## Stowe Faire

Who: Stowe on the Wowld (Western Sydney, NSW)  
When: February 4 to 6 2005

Where: Austral Girl Guides Camp, Cnr 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Austral, Sydney.

Cost: \$45 mem/\$50 non-mem until 1 January 05, \$55/\$60 until week before, \$70 everyone unbooked. Please contact the steward for Day and Family rates.

Stowe on the Wowld invites one and all to a 2-day Faire. Come for the tourney, collegia, merchants, dancing, feasting and any other things we can come up with. Feel free to contact the stewards with ideas for collegia – what you can run or what you would to run and if you would like to merchant on the weekend.

The event is fully catered from Friday night until Sunday lunch. Bring camping gear, some dorms are available however they are first come first served. Tent space available.

Website: [http://www.geocities.com/stowe\\_faire.html](http://www.geocities.com/stowe_faire.html)

Caspian d'Navarre  
02 9863 5868 or [squire\\_caspin@hotmail.com](mailto:squire_caspin@hotmail.com)

## Estrella War XXI

Who: The Kingdom of Atenveldt  
When: February 16 to 21 2005

Where: Phoenix, Arizona USA

The sunshine and warmth of Atenveldt beckons. Royalty, fighters, families, artisans all, are invited to our annual Estrella War held on February 16-21 2005. We are proud to feature some of the best classes, fighting, shopping and fun in the Knowne Worlde and an atmosphere that is truly becoming of The Dream. The war will be at Estrella Mountain

Regional Park located in Goodyear, Arizona. Site opens February 16 at 7am for pre-registered, noon for non-registered.

All other information and a complete list of war staff can be found at our website [www.estrellawar.org](http://www.estrellawar.org)

Please address all other enquiries to Lady Giliana Spencer de Windermere (Jamie Heier), email: [GilianaSCA@yahoo.com](mailto:GilianaSCA@yahoo.com), 480-614-0295 (Executive Assistant EWXXI)

## Rowany Festival

When: 24-29 March 2005

Where: Crossroads Medieval Village, Sheldrick's Lane, Yass NSW.

[www.sca.org.au/rowany/festival](http://www.sca.org.au/rowany/festival)

Bookings: Keridwen the Mouse (Janelle Heron) PO Box 603, Strathfield NSW 2135

Steward: Bliss of Teine (Narelle Griffin)  
[festivalsteward@sca.org.au](mailto:festivalsteward@sca.org.au)

## Known World Dance Symposium 5

When: 2nd - 5th July 2005.

Where: Sancta Sophia College, 8 Missenden Rd, Camperdown NSW

<http://www.sca.org.au/kwds/>

Note that this will incorporate next year's Bal d'Argent.

The Known World Dance and Music Symposium is the SCA's primary biennial dance and music event. Maps and details of the symposium venue will be published on the website.

## Officers Reports

### Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the populace of Politarchopolis,

Ah, it seems like yesterday that We were nervously preparing for Our investiture, but indeed, it was 10 months ago now! Looking back on the year it has been interesting and exciting discovering the many joys and peculiarities of reigning as your Baron & Baroness.

This past month did witness Lochac's Spring Crown Tourney, won by our Stephen Aldred, consort to Mathilde Adycote. Congratulations unto Their Royal Highnesses, Crown Prince Stephen & Crown Princess Mathilde, and We take this opportunity to remind the populace that a number of baronial offices are vacant or open for applicants, including the position of seneschal.

Again, Politarchopolis did host a Royal visit of King Draco & Queen Serena when they attended Casual War, where so many of the baronial forces did attend the wars that we were obliged to give over some of our number to the other side, lest the fighting be so quick that it be lacking in enjoyment. November was a busy month for Prince Stephen, being admitted to the Order of the

Chivalry at Casual War, at least we now understand why he appeared a bit distracted for the last month or so in the lead up to the event, and we thought it was just that he was stewarding the event.

We look forward to gathering for our last event of the year with the picnic & games day before going our separate ways for the summer period. We enthusiastically anticipate seeing everyone next year and starting off the new year with St Blasius. However, due to the lack of event bids, it is possible that neither St Valentines or the Baronial 10th anniversary will go ahead.

Looking further into the future please discuss with the Baroness if you wish to camp within the Polit Central campsite next year at Rowany Festival.

Please enjoy the many celebrations of the summer season and we would prefer to see everyone again next year.

Yours in Service,

Leta, Baroness                      Edmund, Baron.

## **seneschal**

It's my first month as acting seneschal and I am still finding my feet so this will be short.

Firstly congratulations to Crown Prince Sir Stephen and Crown Princess Mistress Mathilde!! I wish you all the best with your reign.

Secondly if you are planning to bid for Valentines next year, let me know now! We are also looking for bids for Politarchopolis' 10 year anniversary mid year.

And lastly we are currently advertising for the following offices:

Seneschal  
Chandler  
Hospitaller  
Lists

Holding an office is a great way to get to know how the SCA works and meet a whole bunch of new people. It's generally lots of fun and you get to help make our barony run in the process! So please, please put your pen to paper and get your applications in (only needs to be your name, which office you're interested in and if possible your current SCA/mundane experience).

Yours in service,

Alesia de Cheval Blanc  
Acting Baronial Seneschal

## **Marshal**

Greetings unto the populace,

With only a few items to mention I would like to extend my thanks to all of those who either fought or assisted in the many other ways that you did (and do) to make this a most enjoyable year.

I wish you enjoyable holidays and hope you will be able to relax over the next couple of months.

### **Checking Authorisation Cards**

All fighters and Marshals please note - the Earl Marshal has asked that the following be stressed most strongly:

If a fighter does not present an authorisation card to either the MIC (or his/her deputies) for wars or the List Mistress at Tournaments they will not be allowed to participate in combat. No exceptions. **No card – No play.**

### **Held Events**

#### The Hunt and Feast – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004, Redwood Grove

Autocrat/MIC: Baron Edmund Ale Connor (Blair Oakley)

A good number of fighters and spectators attended this event. All had fun and there were no injuries to report.

YiS

Baron Edmund Ale-Connor

#### Casual War: Friday – Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

Autocrat/MIC: His Highness Baron Stephen Aldred.

Location: Innabanya Girl Guides Camp – Majura Road, Majura

Roughly between 20-30 heavy and light fighters turned up for this event. The scenarios included field, woods, fort and gully battles. There were only two injuries sustained, one by a member of Descartes (Tip 1. Don't brace for a shield charge from a Grog, they aren't small fighters and they appear bigger when they run at you...) and the other was by a Mordenvalian light who chipped a tooth when his chinstrap broke.

#### Valhalla Tourney (Sunday)

14 fighters participated in this tourney which was run several times. No injuries were reported and the fighters endured long but highly enjoyable bouts.

YiS

His Highness, Master, Baron Sir Stephen Aldred

### **Upcoming Events**

No events are planned for the month of December but I do wish to hear from anybody who wishes to run a fighting event and assist in any way I can so please contact me.

YiS

Heinrich Maximillian von Hesse  
Politarchopolis Knight Marshal

## **Arts & Sciences Minister**

Greetings unto the populace,

This month saw the collegia run by Mistress Oonagh on the making of Chemises. We had 7 people attend, everyone coming away with fabric for a chemise and a little more knowledge.

Stitch 'n' Bitch has also re-started, with limited attendance. However given the time of year this is to be expected. It should pick up again in the New Year. SnB will not be run again this year and will be started up again in February. Keep eyes posted for more details.

There is nothing planned for the remainder of the year, as we are going into the Christmas/New Year period. Stitch 'n' bitch will continue to run in the New Year.

I've started thinking about an A&S competition for next year, to align with the Kingdom Competition for May Crown: Metal Working, Engineering and research and Herbal. Most likely to run at Newcomers.

YiS

Antonia Della Scalla

## aptain of Fence

Greetings.

Training continues as normal at Haig Park on Sundays from 1:30pm.

The Hunting of the Snark did not take place due to an insufficient number of fighters. However, the Casual War Pirate Ship Tourney was a success with seven fighters taking part. The Tourney was held for fun only, so rapier combat was the winner on the day.

No injuries to report during November.

We will have one more tourney for the year at the Picnic and Lazy Games Day at Eddison Park on the fifth of December. Lists will open from 11:30am for a midday start (depending on just how lazy we feel). Expect a round-robin, random weapons tourney with novelty bouts thrown in for some Yule fun.

Owain Cantor ap Hugh  
Captain of Fence

## erald

Greetings,

### Events

Casual War was held from 12 - 14 November. A HUGE congratulations to Stephen Aldred on being knighted – well deserved! I'm just sorry that I missed it! Also, my congratulations to Stephen and Mathilde on becoming our next King and Queen!

On Saturday night, Antonia della Scalla and Andreas Reinhardt were awarded AoA's by their Majesties Draco and Serena – congratulations to both of you!!

Thanks to Fruitbat for heralding for Stephen's knighting and for providing me with information I needed to be able to herald the evening court successfully - it was greatly appreciated.

### Device and Name Submissions

Still nothing much happening with device and name submissions, but I am ever hopeful that people will want to talk to me about them soon. I have advised several gentles of where their submissions currently are (most are with Laurel Sovereign of Arms in the US). Please contact me if you want to know where your submission is or if you would like to start talking about registering a name or device!!

YiS

Lady Amelot de Akeney  
Cordon Rouge Herald

## ist Report

Greetings Unto the populace,

November was not a busy month for me, although there were quite a few forays on to the field. Due to these battles being melees and casual war scenarios, my services were not needed. However, a boffer tourney was run by Milady Claire of the Entangled Marsh. The tourney was split into two divisions with Bridgit Brindsmead claiming victory in the juniors, and Jeffer Roshak winning the seniors. Congratulations to both.

Now it has confirmed that I am indeed leaving our fine Barony to take up residence in the North. A new Lady, or Lord, of the List will be needed. Please make any enquiries and applications for this position, which is not difficult, to their Excellencies.

As this is my last report I would like to thank all of the fighters in Polit, nay, the entire populace, for making my time in this Barony pleasant, rewarding, and challenging.

Slan

Yours in Service,  
Darby de Askote

## hronicler

Greetings and Salutations!

Another month, another Griffintayle. Things are right with the world. Due to the upcoming silly season and the lack of events etc within the barony, I have taken the liberty (with permission!) in making this edition of GT a two month-er. To those paying subscribers I will again be extending your subscriptions to make up for this missing month.

Just two things of note. Firstly, please take notice of times and places for events over the next two months. I have tried to make sure that everything is correct with the calendar so people can turn up at the right times to the right places for the right events. If anything is wrong or needs updating in the New Year, please let me know!

Secondly, I have had some people let me know that they didn't end up with a full 12 copies of GT in their subscription period. If this has happened to you, can you please give me an e-mail and let me know how many you missed to I can fill it in with copies now. I will trust people won't abuse this request!

Be safe, be happy. Joyous days celebrating the religious denomination of your choice, or not!

Yours in Service  
Alexandra

# News and Notices of the Realm

## **F**estival Site Prep

Site preps that are planned until Easter:  
November 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>  
February 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Set-up weekend is the 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of March 05

One of the main focuses this year will be combating the dust. Once again it looks to be a dry summer and as such Rowany is investing time and money to start gravelling some of the main roads to cut back on the dust. This will be an ongoing project, as well as seeing more walls on the guildhall, road markings, more signs and much more...

## News and Notices From Polifarchopolis

### **B**lunts!

Combat blunts are available! Contact the Captain of Archers for details.

### **T**welfth Night 2006

The Lochac Seneschal has called for bids for 12th Night 2006 - This is a Coronation and would need to be run on either weekend of 7/8 or 14/15 January 2006. Anybody interested in running such an event? Contact the Seneschal or the Baron and Baroness to discuss.

### **O**fficers needed!

Hospitaller, Lists and Chandler positions need filling. Please contact the Acting Seneschal if you are interested in any of these positions.

### **A**nniversary

The first weekend of July marks our tenth anniversary as a Barony - to celebrate this event Their Excellencies have requested a celebratory event for the last weekend of June (This will fit in with the Known World Dance Symposium and Midwinter investiture). The event would need to have Feasting, Fighting (both kinds!), Dance and inevitably Archery. Any interested event stewards? If so contact the Seneschal or the Baron and Baroness to discuss.

### **A**uthorisation Cards

After consultation with the Earl Marshal I am obliged to remind/inform all fighters of the following decision:

All fighters (who wish to fight) are required to present their authorisation card to either the Marshal In Charge (or

their designated deputies) prior to combat at Wars or to the List Mistress at Tourneys.

If the fighter does not present an authorisation card (or the necessary paperwork should they be waiting on a card) they will not be allowed to participate in fighting activities.

Should anybody wish to take this matter further with the EM please feel free to do so.

YiS

Heinrich Maximillian von Hesse  
Politarchopolis Baronial Knight Marshal

### **S**eneschal needed!

Greetings unto the Barony,

If there is anyone who has not heard the news, Stephen & Mathilde are TRH Crown Prince & Princess of Lochac, and Lady Alesia has stepped up as Acting Seneschal of this fine Barony.

Since Alesia has indicated that she is intending to apply as well, We will be collecting the applications for the office of Seneschal. Only written applications will be considered and are to be directed to aleconner@optusnet.com.au, or handed/mailed to us. Closing date is 20th Jan 2005, so that a decision can be announced at the Jan meeting on Thurs 28th Jan 05.

As a minimum your application needs to include: your mundane & SCA names and that you would like to be considered for the office of seneschal. Of course, including such things as why you would like to become seneschal and what experience/ideas you have, will allow us to make a more informed recommendation.

For those who are unaware, the procedure for changing officers requires that the position be advertised and open for all to apply, even when there is a deputy. We will collect the applications & consult with Stephen before sending our recommendations onto Del, who as Kingdom Seneschal will consider the applications and our recommendations before deciding on our next seneschal. This will be announced in Feb05 Griffintayle along with a commentary period.

Yours in Service

Edmund & Leta,  
Baron & Baroness

### **F**rom the Festival Steward

Hi everyone,

As you all know Festival is rapidly approaching and I would like to encourage everyone to make it out to some of the upcoming site preps.

The next site prep will be Saturday & Sunday 22nd & 23rd January 2005.

There are many projects currently running and without your help not all of these will be able to be achieved. Amongst them is combating the DUST on site.

Other projects will include:

- \* Working on the Fort
- \* Road markings and signage
- \* Rock painting
- \* Permanent Archery Butts
- \* Personal campsite maintenance
- \* And much more...

Please come and show your support and help make this event bigger and better than ever. Any time you can contribute would be greatly appreciated.

Please email me at [festivalsteward@sca.org.au](mailto:festivalsteward@sca.org.au) to let me know if you're coming so we can cater food for you.

Look forward to hearing from you  
Sunshine and smiles

Bliss

## Beginning Archery in the S.C.A.



### Part 4

### Other Essentials

Besides a bow and some arrows you need some other pieces of equipment, some for convenience and some for your own protection.

One very important accessory is a glove or a tab. The pressure of the narrow bowstring against your bare fingers at full draw will numb your fingers and with shooting on a regular basis, there is the very real risk of nerve damage. Using a glove or tab will also reduce the formation of callosus from regular shooting. Gloves should be slightly tight fitting to prevent them from slipping after releasing the bowstring. Loose gloves may cause you to fumble. Tabs are specially shaped pieces of leather that fit over one finger of your shooting hand. It is placed between your fingers and bowstring before you draw. Personally, I have never liked using a tab, as it is especially awkward to use for me. However, they are very inexpensive and if your money is tight, it is much better than using bare fingers!

As you learn to shoot, you may find the bowstring hitting the forearm on your bow hand. Not only will this hurt, but after several hits there will be some bruising. Leather armguards will prevent this damage and do not cost much at all. Their design is even simple enough to be able to make your own. And don't think that it won't happen to you! I have been shooting for almost 12 years now and still hit myself there occasionally!

For convenience, a belt quiver will hold your arrows where you can easily reach them without having to stick them into the ground at your feet. You may wish to use a back quiver but these can be awkward and expensive to

buy. Until you learn to shoot well, I would advise you to use a belt quiver.

That's all you really need! Anything else like bow cases, boxes to store your arrows, perhaps an archery bag to transport your bow and accessories are nice to have but you do not HAVE to have them. You can save some money now by just buying the basic essentials until you have decided that you really LIKE archery. After that, you just may want to start making all your own stuff!

by THL Robin Arthur Kyrke, Forester

Contact: Captain of Archers, Alessandro di Falco

## The Development of Some Cheese Varieties

(First Date Recorded)

Cheese Variety	Year(AD)
Gorgonzola	879
Roquefort	1070
Grana	1200
Cheddar	1500
Parmesan	1579
Gouda	1697
Gloucester	1697
Stilton	1785
Camembert	1791



**Die Landleut**  
Heluctia habed dreyerley gewerb/etlich den Acker-  
bauw/ vnd das ist der größte teil: die anderen bauw  
wend den weyn: die dritten / deren auch gar vil ist/  
vmb alle gebirg erneerend sich allein des vuchs/des  
sy so vil habend / das nit die weyber allein / sonder  
starcke menner vnd knecht die kûy melckend/kâf vñ  
ziger machend. Die werdend genennet Semmen / ire  
wohnungen vnd werckstatt Seihütten/ze. Heran  
der mertel kâf vñ schmalz zAbereitet werdend/dars  
zu kein frauwen hand kempt/ze.

(Making Cheese-Schweizer Chronik, by J. Stumpf, 1548)



## Ferrets in Period

One of the more famous ferret-supporters was Queen Elizabeth I. Not only did she keep pet ferrets, it was at her order that the position of Royal Ferreter was added to the court.



The portrait "Ermine Portrait of Queen Elizabeth the First," shows her with her pet ferret. Oddly, the artist has "ennobled" the ferret by giving it ermine spots! This painting is owned by the Marquess of Salisbury, and hangs in the Courtauld Institute of Art.



(extract from:  
<http://www.drbeer.com/joyce/ferrets/frhistpg.htm>)

## The Epitaph of Graunde Amoure

*Stephen Hawes, circa 1475 –circa 1523*  
From "The Passetyme of Pleasure"

O mortal folk! You may behold and see  
How I lie here, sometime a mighty night;  
The end of joy and all prosperity  
Is death at last, thorough his course and might;  
After the day there cometh the dark night;  
For though the day be never so long,  
At last the bells ringeth to evensong.

And my self called La Graunde Amoure,  
Seeking adventure in the worldly glory,  
For to attain the riches and honour,  
Did think full little that I should here lie,  
Till death did mate me full right privily.  
To what I am! And whereto you must!  
Like as I am so shall you be all dust.

Then in your mind inwardly despise  
The brittle world, so full of doubleness,  
With the vile flesh, and right soon arise  
Out of your sleep of mortal heaviness;  
Subdue the devil with grace and meekness,  
That after your life frail and transitory  
you may then live in joy perdurably.



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