



# Griffintayle April-May AS XXVII

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(Russ Bradbury) (Simon Price)  
The Yew The Yew

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Cher Cez!

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Cher Cez!

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
M A Y	18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Fighter Tourney
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
J U N E	1	2	3 Shire Meeting	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13 Mid- Winter Feast	14 Town Archery Tourney
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27 Rowany Feast and Tourney	28 MidWinter Tourney

- Shire Meeting, contact Seneschal or Chronicler, at John Dedman Building, ANU, Lower Ground room 1, 7.30pm.
- Dancing, Contact Arts and Science Minister, at John Dedman Building
- Music, contact Helen Whitchurch, at John Dedman Building.
- Archery, 10.00am Sun ANU oval, contact Captain of Archers. Town Archery Tourney same site but costumed please.
- Armouring, Sundays, Please ring House Hippocampus first.
- Fighter Training, 3.00pm Sundays, Please ring House Hippocampus.
- Fencing Training, Contact Captain of Fencing

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## Shire meeting notes for 1 April 1992.

Location: Building A; Reid TAFE.

Attendees: Megan, Helen W, John, Darren, Simon, Beth, Elizabeth, David, Louise, Eddie.

Late: Paul, Shayne, Libby, Karen.

Apologies: Michelle, Michael, Graham, Ian, Russ, Jacinta.

7.30: start

**Seneschals Report:** The last few weeks have seen us do CanCon demo, Newcomers feast, and almost a tourney with a fund for Jock. I was very impressed with the Canberra Festival Display. The newcomers feast was also very good with some of its highlights being its fashion parade and the pretend court.

I'm running a food fund for the Rowany festival so please contact me at 207 3594 at my work.

On the 1st of May we will do a dance, talking, and display demo at the Canberra High School. It will be from 11.00 till 3.00pm and if you are interested please contact me.

Coming events include Mid Winter which will be held in June at Hall Hall, the Ball d'Argent in July at Cooroboree Park.

The Arts and Sciences minister position is still vacant.

Shire meetings will now take place in the John Dedman Building at ANU. The place is booked for us for every Wednesday night so turn up then. The current plan is that; Shire Meeting 1st Wednesday of the month.

Dancing	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
Music	3rd and 5th Wednesdays.

**College Seneschal Report:** The Newcomers feast had about 100 people attend and there was a profit of about \$350. The Silver Key is being planned.

**Marshal Report:** Sorry for the SNAFU with the tourney. At the Canberra demo we had four fighters. Myself, Rhys, Doug, and Graham. There is more shire armour on the way. There will be rattan for sale at Rowany festival.

**Promises report:** Still need more articles. The issue will be available at the Rowany festival.

**Griffintayle report:** There was about 28 mailed out copies last issue. The next issue will probably be late.

**Fencing (Principality) report:** Sunday afternoons at about 3.00pm. Please contact the local fencing officer. The Canberra Day demo included a fencing demonstration

with Simon, Paul and myself participating. There was a fair amount of interest in it. There will be fencing at Rowany with a collegium. There may be a tourney. Also the rules will be finalised.

**General Business:....**

**Simon:** Still chasing up the official permission to use the forests for combat practise.

**John:** I will make about twenty copies of the Marshals handbook for the marshal to distribute to the fighters.

**Helen:** There is a core group of about three musicians with another two by correspondence. please turn up to music and learn some easy music. Bardic Notes is available from Martin the Juggler for \$12 a year. For needleworkers the latest issue of the newsletter is available.

**Kimberly:** I am the deputy Lochac lists and we need someone to be lists for Politarchopolis.

**Tourney:** On May 24 and it is a pot luck (fund-raiser) lunch. It will be held at Addison Park which is between Woden cemetery and the TAFE.

**September Coronet:** See Michelle at the Orchard for any details and if you wish to help.

close at 8.15pm.

## Shire meeting notes for 6 May 1992.

Place: Asian Bistro, ANU  
Date: 6/5/92  
Time: 7.30pm

**Present:** Norman, Jacinta, Russ, Helen W, Ian, David, Louise, John, Megan, Michelle, Simon, Dena, Kate, Libby, Phil, Shayne, Elizabeth.

**Late:** Michael, Beth.

**Apologies:** Rhys.

**Seneschal Report:** Sunday 17th May there is a demo at the Cranleigh School in Starke St, Holt. The Town Archer day is on Sunday. If people have problems about things please don't bitch but see me because its my job.

**Reeve Report:** Funds from the CanCon event and the Port bottling have not yet arrived. There is about \$1340 and assorted cents in the account.

**Griffintayle Report:** Sorry about the delay for April but Rowany and work got in the way. If anyone would like to be a deputy for this position with the aim of taking over in a few months please write up a resume with your skills and resources and give it to me or the seneschal.

**Herald Report:** I have written to Decion. I'm still collecting the shire heraldry books. There will be consulting herald nights at Dancetty on the second Tuesday and 4th Thursdays of the month. Please ring first before coming over.

**Chirurgion Report:** I will be after the next tourney.

**Constable Report:** Still don't have fighting waivers from the Lochac Constable. Remember if it looks like an SCA event and/or it is a regular occurrence then it IS an SCA event. Lost property auction will happen soon with the proceeds going to the Constable and the Hospitaller.

**Arts and Sciences Report:** Libby is the new Arts and Sciences Minister. Plan to have on every Tuesday night a short presentation of A&S item and then do things for a while before breaking into a purely social occasion. Probably at the ANU somewhere. Also there should be more new shire projects begun so if you have any ideas please see Libby. Also plan to have a major collegium weekend sometime in the next twelve months.

**Hospitaller Report:** Bethany has volunteered to repair the garb that is in the hospitallery. There will be a beer night at the Cloisters were it will all be tagged with shire tags. The wood chests are very good. David has offered wooden feasting gear for a raffle. Speak soon if you think you have any items in Hospitallery as once they are tagged they become Shire property.

**Chronicler of Promises Report:** Please write more articles. There was a large round of applause and thanks to Elizabeth for having run Promises for 3 years.

**Lists Report:** I will be making another list board.

**College Seneschal Report:** Rowany happened of course. We will be holding a pot luck feast in August. There are sewing afternoons at Bethany's place on Saturday afternoons.

**Archery Report:** Archery is occurring. It happens on Sunday mornings on either Willows oval or North oval opposite (it depends on where the hockey player are) with combat archery afterwards at Southwell Park on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Wednesdays archery practise is cancelled for winter as it is becoming too dark too early. In about two months we may be organising combat archery practise in Corin Forest. The town archer is on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

**Local Fencing Report:** We need somewhere to play. As winter is just starting we need an indoor location. If you have any ideas please contact the local fencing officer.

**Lochac Fencing Report:** We are not allowed to use any metal blades at any time at any SCA event. Ask for information about how to construct the fibreglass weapons. If you are ever having trouble with someone about anything then you should talk to that person.

#### General Business:

**Crossroads:** Anyone is welcome to turn up on the work nights which are on Thursdays. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue. Please become a supporting member as it only costs \$30.00. The Formation meeting of the Co-op is on 25th July.

**Megan:** Please could I have volunteers to look after the newcomers that have been turning up. They need to know how to costume, how to behave in court, and all those other SCA skills that are needed. Please make an effort.

**Libby:** I would like to create a resource list of skills, books, workshops, etc to help and everyone else.

**Beth:** Ball d' Argent will have a reporter from the Canberra Times.

**Megan:** Could I please have written suggestions on how Politarchoyopolis could have more fun at the next Rowany Festival. Also please hand all City Charter information into Dancetty after the 13th May so that we can have a draft charter available for comment by the Prince and Princess at September Coronet.

**Michelle:** September Coronet is on the 5th and 6th. Contact me (at the Orchard) if you are willing to help. The preserved food is being started now. We need 2 kingdom, 2 principality, and 2 shire banners by then.

**Jacinta:** There is to be more than one annual shepherds feast. It will be on 31 October at Weston Creek Community Centre. Also Jacinta showed some samples of sugar crockery with painted designs on for use at the Coronet. The samples looked good and tasted OK.

**Norman:** Midwinter Feast on 13 June at Hall Pavilion. Ball d' Argent is on 11 July at Corroboree Park. There is an Early Music Fayre on the 10th May.

**Helen:** Music is on at the John Dedman Hall on the 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of the month. We need percussion instruments please. Even if it is only a cooking pot.

have just finished moving to a new house  
 Chez!'. On the Queens birthday weekend I  
 having a Rapier Collegium in Stormhold. On the  
 evening there will be an Elizabethan Pot Luck  
 at St. Andrews church in Brighton. Contact  
 new address or Kimberly of Greyoaks in  
 you wish to attend.

I am running an Adopt-a-plant system for the  
 project. We need plant pots and people to  
 trees. We have several very small Oak trees  
 temporary home until the land is purchased  
 roads Medieval village.

WAFE is asking for people who wish to run  
 Medieval costumes etc. There may be some

The Dedman building was open but the door is  
 and has to be pulled twice before it opens.  
 will be able to help mail some of the  
 and the Silver Key (a college newsletter)  
 and soon.

pickled cabbage for those who would like

Investigating the purchase of lots of pre-cut  
 (or chain) mail. Order quantities in the  
 details call Ian on 290 1492.

little girl.

we got it.

Remember to all that the third and fifth  
 every month is music practise. All  
 moments and all levels of achievement are  
 petroir is dance tunes with music from  
 the Entertainers Guild. Contact

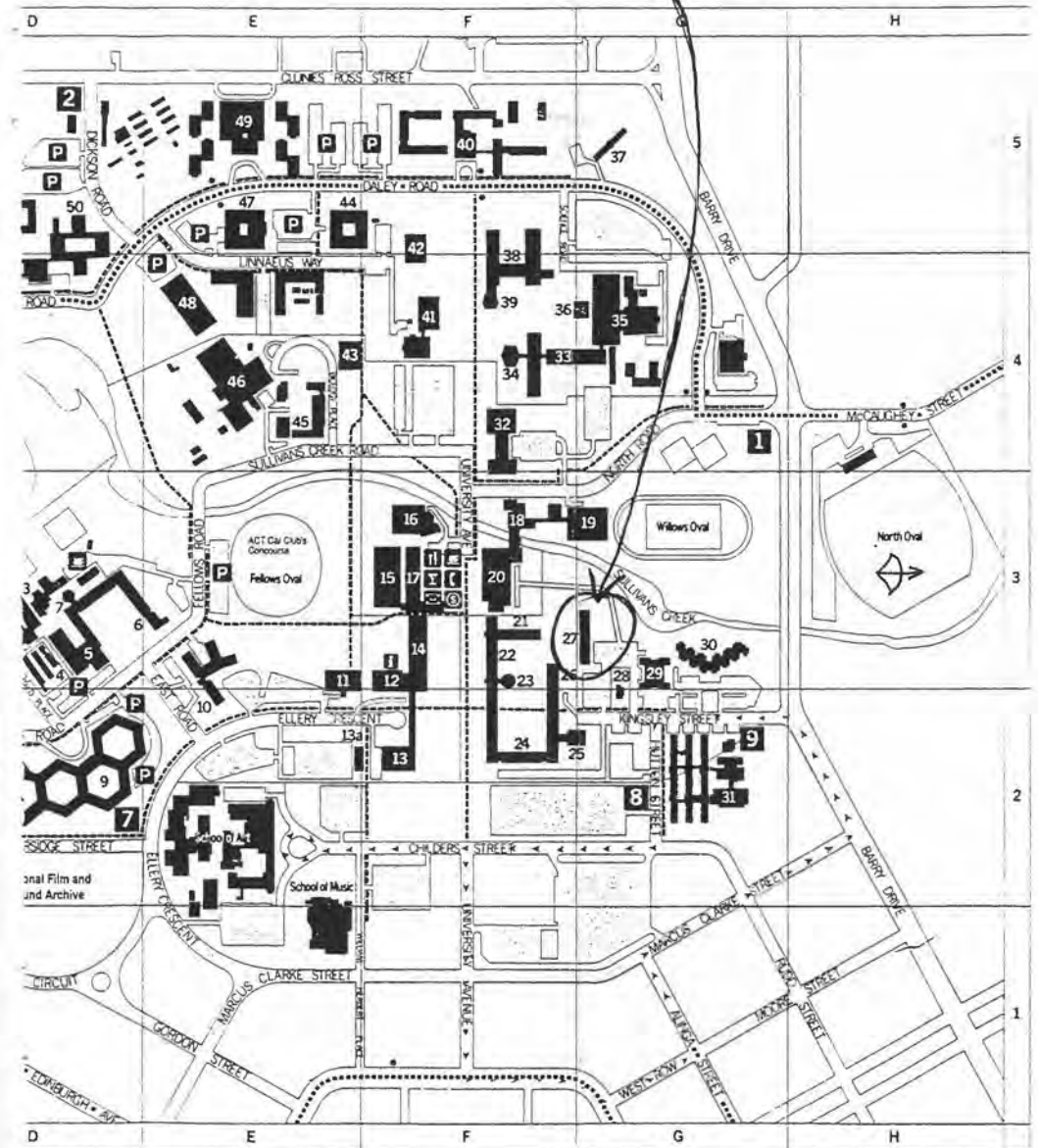
er (Helen Whitchurch) 21 Wade St, Watson,  
 01, (w) 289 6565.

ANU

John Dedman Building

Lower Ground 1

7:30pm



35 Research School of Chemistry	4G	47 Botany Building	5E	59 Mathematical Sciences Building	4B	69 Livingsloe Street	2B
36 RSC Lecture Theatre	4G	48 Forestry Building	4E	60 Diophant Building	4B	70 Adriatic Family Project	2B
37 Cairn House	5G	49 Burton and Garran Hall	5E	61 Jaeger Building	2B	71 University Public Seating	2B
38 Physics Building	45F	50 Unisa College	45D	62 National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health	3C	72 Parents on Campus Child Care Centre	2B
39 Physics Lecture Theatre	4F	51 John XIII College	45D	63 Centre for Continuing Education (Lang 69)	3C	73 Old Canberra House	24
40 Bruce Hall	5F	52 Burgin College	45C	64 Gardeners' Depot	2C	74 RSA Family Day Care	2B
41 Biochemistry Building	3F	53 Central Store	3C	65 International Population Dynamics Program	2B	75 Lennox House	14
42 Psychology Building	45F	54 John Curtin School of Medical Research	3/4C	66 Centre for Continuing Education Annex	2B	76 Mologio Lunette	2C
43 W.K. Hancock Building	4E	55 Animal Breeding Establishment	4C	67 The Cottage	2E	77 Housing Office	3C
44 Zoology Building	5E F	56 Leonard Huxley Building	4B			78 Livingsloe Court Apartments	22
45 John Tennant Building	4E	57 Nuclear Physics	4B				
46 Research School of Biological Sciences	4E	58 Clark West House					

Arts and Sciences CompetitionsMay Coronet Investiture and Tourney, Innilgard

An Instrumental Recital - Cassette tapes are welcome

Pre 13th Century Calligraphy and Illumination

Couched Thread work

Spring Coronet Investiture and Tourney, Politarchopolis

Drawing- SCA life in pen and ink, charcoal or non-coloured media

Armour- an arm including shoulder and elbow cops

Woven Braid- 30 inches long and 1 inch wide

Twelfth Night Coronet Investiture and Tourney, Stormhold

High court garb- two categories: pre 1453 and post 1453.

Period Lighting- with an emphasis on showing ingenuity in safety

A principality Coin- the winning die will go to the office of Regalia, so that the coin can be given by Their Highnesses at whim.

West Kingdom Arts and Sciences CompetitionsJune Crown

Calligraphy- pre 13th century text, please document

Kites

Map Making- Locate your persona in time and space (may be entered as either a fine art or a technical science).

Purgatorio

Dancing- same category as Pied d'Argent

Needlework- metallic threadwork on an accessory. Examples are bullion or purl, Japan gold/membrane gold, paillettes (flat sequins). If you can document it you can use it.

Coins

Textiles- Woven trim (30 inch minimum)

October Crown

Drawing- SCA recaptured or ledgend recaptured

Brewing and fermentation- Mead and wine.

Armour- pre 13th century

Twelfth Night

Costume- pre 15th century heraldic garb.

Stop Press, News just in on the far speaker.

Aylwin Greymane has won the May Coronet with Sir Haos being second.  
Reynardine has been appointed Captain of the Mead Guard.

Griffintayle

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Needleworkers Guild, Competitions and Collegium.

May Coronet:

Competition: Canvaswork including Bargello.  
Lecture: Pearling/Beading.

Spring Coronet:

Competition: Pearling/Beading.  
Lecture: Stumpwork/Padded work.

Promises

As usual we need articles, especially artwork. There are a number of regular contributors who work hard and well but there load is a heavy one. So help lighten their load and contribute an article. Only with your help can we increase the number of issues back to four per year.

On a lighter note we have back issues for sale. If you have missed one of the series or the dog ate your only copy then we can supply them. (Not the dog, the issue.)

Just contact the chronicler Betoney of the Green Swathe  
(Elizabeth Waldoek)  
9 Buik Pl,  
Emu Ridge 2617

ph (h) 251 2416 (w) 252 5691.

PS I don't bite and have never poured boiling oil on anyone who approaches me. Betoney.

Foster Parents Wanted

Crossroads have dozens of little seed s needing a good home and tender loving care to encourage their growth into healthy saplings.

Contact Betoney of the Green Swathe. (Adopt a plant coordinator.)

Milk Cartons

Into Recycling?

Ever wondered how to recycle those milk cartons? Here is your chance to help the environment.

Crossroads adopt a tree project needs dozens of empty, rinsed, milk cartons to plant seeds in.

Contact Betoney of the Green Swathe.

# Crossroads Needs You!




## Crossroads Work Nights (every Thursday 7.30 - 10.30)

Seen me before? Crossroads will not think twice before using any cliché, not hesitate to enthusiastically split any infinitive, and will be as trite as we need to, to get your help in developing the MEDIEVAL VILLAGE.

Ask not what Crossroads can do for you, ask what you can do for Crossroads. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, towards:

## 25 Rowe Place, Swinger Hill (park on Butters Drive)

Ring Ian or Rhys on 290 1492 for more details. Pot luck dinner and snacks, but we'll provide marshmallow cocoa. Help us with mailouts, research, ideas sessions, paperwork.



# The House Hold

## Traditional Midwinter

### Feast

Unto the populace of Politarchopolis,  
Does your Seneshal send greetings.

I hope all those of you who attended the Festival have recovered from the experience. For those who could not attend, it was another wonderful Festival, and the Politarchopolis encampment was simply the place to be to have fun. Maybe there will be even more of us next year?

During the Festival, several people approached me with questions about the Shire status. This has reminded me that not all will be aware that Lord Dafydd ap Donal ap Gwilym is currently researching charters, with a view to constructing a draft charter for the City of Politarchopolis. This is a totally new concept for the Society, and so must be exceedingly well researched. It is proposed that Dafydd and any others interested will collate the research and begin drafting the charter this month. All opinions and assistance are most welcome. Please contact Dafydd at Dancetty for details of how and when. It is proposed to present a draft charter to their Highnesses at September Coronet in Politarchopolis.

I remind you one and all that part of this Society is the recreation of a bygone age of chivalry and courtesy. While no individual is perfect, I am sure that we can all make a special effort to be courteous in our behaviour to one another. If you find that someone's conversation is jarringly mundane, or offensive, do them the favour of telling them politely that this is so. DO NOT INCITE AN ARGUMENT OR LOSE YOUR TEMPER IN PUBLIC WITH ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY. If someone approaches you to mention this aspect of your conversation, please moderate your voice, or move away, where you cannot inadvertently cause offence. Together we can all contribute to the atmosphere of our events, through gentle and courteous behaviour. Try playing the game of conducting a conversation entirely without mundane references - you'll be suprised how easy it can be.

I hope to see you all at the many and varied events happening within the Shire and the College over the next few months. I remain yours in service to Shire and Principality,

  
YSABEAU CHANTEUSE

Saturday June 13th.  
Hall Pavilion, Hall, ACT.

Doors open at 5.00 pm.

Feast begins at 5.30 pm.

This will be a catered feast, with live musicians and seating for 80.

Cost:

11 Gold.

Children under 6 free

under 16 half price.

Competitions:

Brewing

Short piece of Entertainment.

Soteltie.

Guess the Mystery Dish.

Bookings:

Noskuld Actason (Norman Gray),

home phone no: 258 9978

# Medieval Craft Fair.

SEE MEDIEVAL  
FIGHTING!



**SUNDAY 17TH MAY**  
**CRANLEIGH SCHOOL** STARKE ST.  
HOLT

10am - 4pm.

MEET VICTOR THE VIKING!  
MAYPOLE! FOLK DANCING!  
HAGAR'S MEAD!  
HAGAR'S HOT SPIT!  
DEMONSTRATIONS AND  
SALES OF CRAFTS!  
DEREK, UNIQUE GLASS ARTIST!  
MUSIC!  
MEDIÆVAL TALES!  
MEDIÆVAL FIGHTING!  
POTTERY!  
THE ABBEY BAKERY!  
AND MUCH MORE!

\$2 ADULT, \$1 CHILD, \$6 FAMILY  
PROCEEDS TO WHEELCHAIR BUS.



*The College of Saint  
Bartholomew  
is pleased to present*

*The Stormhold  
Winter Feast*

*Saturday 18 July,  
Lower Hall, Fitzroy.  
Town Hall,  
Moor Street, Fitzroy*

*Hall Opens 4:30 pm.  
First Remove 6:00 pm.*

*The Winter Feast is the Barony  
of Stormholds' largest annual event.  
Simple, high quality food, excellent  
entertainment, and an informal  
atmosphere, are the order of the  
evening. You may learn medieval  
dances, play games, watch the  
wandering entertainers, or simply  
sit and enjoy the spectacle.*

*One of the primary purposes of  
the feast, is to introduce newcomers  
to the current middle ages. To  
encourage this practice, the  
autoorats will discount \$5 from  
your ticket for each newcomer you  
bring (which meant that last year  
some people attended for free - or  
divided their profits with their  
newcomers). Ideally we would like  
to see fifty or sixty newcomers  
being entertained by, and becoming  
involved in, the activities of at least  
twice that number of old hands.*

*Tickets  
\$20 SCA Members,  
\$23 non-members.  
and must be purchased by Saturday  
11 July (quoting mundane name,  
and membership number if  
appropriate). Failure to book will  
see you exiled to the pariahs table,  
and provided with soup and bread  
only. Cheques to "SCA Melbourne  
University".  
Autoorat; Nigel Davies, o/o P.O. Box  
4364, Melbourne University, 3052.*