



## Griffintayle July AS XXVI

### REGNUM: SHIRE OF POLITARCHOPOLIS

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
JULY	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14 Monthly Bash 12:00pm Corrymore Park. Open to all. Also Games.	15 Hamlet. at Electric Shadows	16 Hamlet.	17	18	19	20  Elizabethan Workshop at Kestok Seraglio
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27  Silly Hat Feast.
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
AUGUST	4	5	6	7	8	9	10  Elizabethan Feast.
	11 Monthly Bash 12:00pm Venetian Journey (two handers) Also Games	12	13	14	15	16	17

- Shire Meeting, 7.30pm, Wilde Wood, contact Seneschal

- Arts & Sciences, 6.30pm, 3rd Wed, Room G51, Mellville Hall, ANU contact Arts & Sciences Mistress

- Dancing, 6.30pm, 2nd and 4th Wed's, Room G51, Mellville Hall, adjoining AD Hope Building, ANU

- Archery, 10.00am Sat, 4.00pm Wed, ANU oval, contact Captains of Archers.

- Armouring by arraignment, contact Charles at 253 3868.

- Fighter Training, 5.00pm Thursday, 1/4 speed/Novice training, 4.00pm Sundays, full speed training, Barrow Downs

- Fencing Training, 3.00pm Sundays, Civic Youth Centre, Kooyung St.

## SHIRE MEETING NOTES

**Date:** 3/7/91  
**Time:** 7.30pm

**Present:** Megan, Michelle, John, Shayne, Cameron, Jacinta, Paul, Kim, Norman, Helen W, Karen, Simon, Kayleen, Elizabeth, Russ, Amanda, Sam, Chris

**Late:** Graeme, Ian

**Apologies:** Craig, Linda.

**Seneschal Report:** Received an alphabetical list of the gentry of Lochac. Please remember to fill in the form that was in the last issue of Griffintayle. Both John and I have spare forms.

There is to be a display for the Waramanga Primary Schools Parent Dinner as they are having a medieval theme. It is on the evening of the 17 August. We may be able to get some money out of this. At the least they will feed some of the people at the display. Please contact me for further details.

We have not heard from Robin once she reached Perth. She will be back next month.

If you want to receive Griffintayle please give your address to the chronicler.

10 August Elizabethan Feast  
21 September Shepherds Feast  
? October College Feast  
2 November Feast of 4 Winds and war.  
? December One night Inn  
? May Coronet bid  
Canberra Festival 1992 would like us to do a medieval village.

The September meeting will be at John's, Charles, and Michelles new place.

**Reeve Report:** We have money and we need to have a corporate officer sign the account list.

**Arts and Sciences report:** Dancing is happening. Elizabethan Workshop is to be held on the 20 July at Kenneth Seraglio. Next Wednesday is dance. Games at the next monthly bash.

**Marshal report:** We have 4 novices training. There is a written scenario for the war in November. Please provide any comments you may have about it.

**Chroniclers Report:** If there is anything wrong in Griffintayle please tell me. Deadline for the next issue is next shire meeting.

**Promises Report:** I need two more articles.

**Hospitaller:** A reminder that two weeks notice is needed before a feast in order to ensure that the gear will be there.

**Heraldry:** Lots of new devices are still waiting for approval at different levels.

**Capt. of Archers & College Seneschal Report:** There is to be Archery. Combat Practise at the Saturday practises and a combat target will be provided so bring your combat arrows and helms to practise. There is to be a Mid-Winter Archery Tourney.

**Fencing Report:** Fencing practise is now at the Civic Youth Centre in Kooyong street behind the Griffin centre from 3.00 to 6.00pm each Sunday. Bunny has metal foils and fencing gear for sale.

**Lists :** It has been too wet for fighting.

**Constable Report:** I had a thought. I need a deputy so could anyone who is interested please contact me.

### **General Business:**

**Helen W:** If you have anything that needs to go to Tasmania see me now as I leave for there shortly.

**Shaynes Fencing report:** The Draft rules for Fencing have been written. There will be a rapier game at the Elizabethan Feast. If you wish to participate in the game you MUST attend at least 1 fighting practise. Contact Shayne or Russ about details. The Politarchoplian Light Watch needs two volunteers.

**Karen:** Paul Davis would like people who are interested in some land at Gunning to get into contact with him. Karen has the address.

**Michelle:** If you still have armour or anything else in the garage at Dancetty it must be moved now as next weekend 13-14/7 the garage is being emptied.

**Paul:** Remember to flag guy ropes on tents.

**Elizabeth:** Please introduce the new faces here. Ian who has the property at Irindy and wants to run a war there, Chris who is visiting from Stormhold, Louise who is visiting with kid called Penny.

**Megan:** Dark Skies started in December 84. There is to be a Back to Dark Skies reunion Feast at the Trafalgar East Hall in February 92. There will be a flowers theme and Politarchopilis will sponsor the event.

**Norman:** House Hold will do Mid winter feast in AS27.

8.25pm close.

**Films Report:** Hamlet is on 15-16/7

One of the lynch pins on which our Society is built is the ideal of courtesy. However, sometimes we forget this, and neglect to be courteous to others. This is something which can be easily solved. But to solve something, we must first become aware of the problem!

To be courteous is to be polite and considerate in manners; to be helpful and caring. Politarchopolis would be in serious trouble if its populace did not behave courteously to one another. Indeed we could face the danger of reverting to the factionalism which has come close to splitting our Shire on more than one occasion. We would have a problem if people did not support the Shire Officers in their attempts to ensure the growth of knowledge and skill within Politarchopolis. We would have a problem if people did not actively participate in the various fields of endeavour which are practised within our boundaries. We would have a problem if people did not recognise and appreciate the work of those individuals who ensure that there is a Politarchopolis for us all.

So, how can we as individuals be more courteous? Next time you are at an event, offer to assist somebody. This may be as simple as asking somebody to join your table, and helping them set up their feasting gear. Or perhaps you could take the time to talk to a newcomer, and make them feel welcome. It may be more complex - check with the kitchen staff to see if they need assistance. You may be able to help by washing dishes in between removes, or arranging some food on serving platters. Courtesy to event stewards is more than just serving or helping pack up.

You can be courteous at other places than events. Do you know of somebody who needs a lift to fighter training, archery, Council meetings or dance practise? Have you thought about letting people know that you are attending something, in case they would like to come along? Are you particularly interested in becoming an "expert" in a particular field? I'm sure that the officer concerned would welcome your input, and the encouragement that your enthusiasm would provide. A person who is active and interested is obviously caring about the field of their interest. If you involve yourself in Shire activities other than events, you will make the officers concerned feel that their work is worthwhile. This is among the most courteous act you could perform for these officers. You have made them feel that they are not wasting their time; that there are people out there who care.

Being courteous means being considerate of others. I find that the best way to be considerate is to try and be aware of what's going on. You can't thank someone for organising something if you don't know it's happening!! One way of being considerate is to make sure that more than just a few people carry the load. Your consideration will mean that another person will be able to enjoy their time with the Society even more than they already are. Who knows, you may single handedly save someone from burning out their enthusiasm, and leaving.

All of this does not mean that if all you do is attend feasts, you are not being courteous. Feasting and eventing is a very significant part of our Society, and there are numerous opportunities for courteous behaviour at any event. I would merely encourage all of us to consider the ways in which we contribute to Politarchopolis, and perhaps to find ways which we can be more courteous toward one another in the process.

I remain yours in Service to this, our Shire, Politarchopolis.

Ysabeau

Ysabeau Chanteuse.



## STRANGE FANTASTICKE HAT FEAST



Time: 7:00

Place: Hall Pavilion

Date: 27th July

Type: Potluck

Cost: \$3 members, \$5 nonmembers

Competition: The silliest head covering

Note: you must have some form of head  
adornment in order to be let in the door.





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ONCE AGAIN, AN ASSASSIN STALKS THE HALLS OF INNILGARD...



# FESTA DELLA BELLADONNA SENSA CURARE

There will be, on August 24<sup>th</sup>, a feast...

NEARLY A YEAR AGO, INNILGARD WAS SHOCKED WHEN CRUEL ASSASSINS INVADED A HALL AND POISONED ALL AND SUNDRY! COULD IT HAPPEN AGAIN? THERE IS TO BE A CATERED FEAST WITH LIVE (?) MUSICIANS FOR ENTERTAINING AND FABULOUS FOOD FOR EATING (IN TWO REMOVES). IT SHALL BE HELD AT THE DULWICH CHURCH HALL\* ON AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>, FROM 5:30 PM. THE FEAST SHALL BEGIN AT 7 P.M., AND ENTRY IS BY TICKETS ONLY (WHICH MUST BE PURCHASED BY AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>). COMPETITIONS ARE FOR THE 'BEST DEATH' AND 'BEST MOURNING' FOR THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE. VEGETARIANS AND THOSE WITH ALLERGIES SHOULD CONTACT THE AUTOCRAT BEFORE HAND. BEWARE POISON!!!

ON THE AFTERNOON BEFORE THE FEAST, A POISON WEAPONS TOURNEY SHALL BE HELD AT 11:30 AM ON THE BARR SMITH LAWNS, ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY, WITH A PRIZE FOR THE BEST DEATH. IT SHALL BE FOLLOWED BY AN UNDEAD MELEE.

COST FOR THE FEAST IS 9 GOLD (Members) OR 11 GOLD (Non-members). BOOKINGS - ALWYN GREYMANE (ADRIAN NICHOLAS), 12 OVAL AVE, WOODVILLE STH, S.A. 5011. (08)45-8350.

ENQUIRIES BETWEEN MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AND JULY 1<sup>st</sup> TO SUE STEVENS (08)296 5137 (\*STURT ST., DULWICH)

## Elizabethan Feast

August 10<sup>th</sup>  
Weston Creek  
Community  
Centre  
Parkinson St  
Weston

6-7:30pm



\$10 \$15  
Late Fee \$5  
after  
July 27<sup>th</sup>

hardship on  
application

### Competitions:

best new piece of clothing

1558 ~ 1603

Calligraphy

an Elizabethan recipe

Entertainment

a Shakespearian Sonnet  
(not "shall I compare thee")

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# Oh perfect Camelot, how now it 'stinketh'

Princess Rosemary and the minor nobles have upset the peaceful, honest peasants with their ignoble antics. The lowly David Sibley chronicles the troubles in the land.

ONCE upon a time, many years ago, there was a small kingdom far far away called Camelot.

For generations, the inhabitants of this beautiful land lived peacefully under the rule of the mighty Emperor who lived high above Camelot in his capital on the hill.

The peaceful peasants tilled their fields and reaped their crops, minding their own business unnoticed by the great lords, knights and nobles of the Empire who rode through their green, unspoilt kingdom by the banks of the Griffin River on their way to the capital on the hill.

To the peasants were indispensable to the capital on the hill, providing it with food, wood, water, and servants to look after the needs of the nobles, the Royal Family and their soldiers.

In return, the nobles protected the little kingdom from other states in the Empire, building abbeys to house the monks who taught the peasants to read and to worship in the village chapels.

Other groups of monks provided healing in special hospices built by the nobles.

The minor nobles of Camelot were generally ignored by the peasants and merchants of the little kingdom who thought they were just a little bit silly.

But this idyllic life was soon to change when these nobles decided they should rule Camelot inside of relying on gifts and the occasional attention of the Emperor and his court.

The peasants laughed at the notion and the minor nobles were very embarrassed by the disloyalty of their serfs.

However, a group of evil monks in the Chancellory of the Exchequer worked out on their abscuses that it would be cheaper for the Emperor if the minor nobles were responsible for the little kingdom's defence, abbeys and hospices.

Now the Emperor at this time was Robert the Truthful, whose emblem was the silver-crested hawk.

He was the leader of the House of Laborkan, the most powerful faction who had been ruling the Empire for some generations.

The evil monks went to Robert the Truthful and his court and convinced him that this would be a good idea.

The minor nobles aligned with the Laborkans and the Liberalots said it was a terrific idea and it made perfect sense.

But the peasants cried with one voice, "It stinketh and we desire it not".

Still the Emperor in his infinite wisdom had decreed (for he was never wrong and never told a lie) and it was so — Camelot would become self-governed.

It was agreed by the lords, knights and nobles of all factions on the capital on the hill that the best way to decide who would be the first minor noble ruling faction of the little kingdom would be a jousting tournament.

After much quarrelling, they decided the rules would be those devised by an obscure foreign knight, Sir Shonky D'Hondt. This required all combatants to wear a hood over their eyes and to fight with a blunt sword, one arm tied behind their back and wearing their armour back to front.

Its purpose, the peasants were told, was to make the tourney fair to all who entered the lists.

When the date of the contest was announced, not only the minor Laborkan and Liberalot nobles had decided to fight.

Some of the merchants and artisans formed a faction of their own, led by the notary Bernard of the Colliery, and they busily rallied around pretending that they were nobles. Some of the peasants were at first impressed.

But other groups of peasants gathered together to buy some old rusty armour, determined to enter the lists and burn it down so that the lords in the capital on the hill would have to govern Camelot. A barrel maker, Craig of the Keg, led them into battle.

There was also another strange entrant to the tournament, Dennis the Enchanter. He appeared suddenly, no-one knows from where, and roved around the hedges and gutters of the kingdom, casting a spell over many peasants.

But there were more to Dennis the Enchanter than the piercing stare and the maniacal laugh. In his secret book of sorcery, he had some interesting spells ready to chant.

The Laborkan faction were led by the beautiful left-handed Princess Rosemary and her grumpy right-handed cousin, Count Paul de Whalan. They believed that it was their inheritance to rule Camelot.

Their sworn enemies, the Liberalots, chose Lord Trevor and his deputy, that carefree blade, Sir Gareth. They believed that it was their inheritance to rule Camelot.

Eventually the trumpets sounded and the tournament began.

But with the D'Hondt rules, the nobles found it difficult to defeat the merchants and artisans rallying around, the peasants led by Craig of the Keg, and Dennis the Enchanter.

After eight weeks, there was not a clear winner so the heralds supervising the tourney grew frustrated and declared that the 17 survivors would have to sort it out themselves.

The heralds stamped back to the capital on the hill and told the Emperor that the little kingdom was now self-governed.

## Evil monks

The evil monks in the Exchequer added up their abscuses and decided not to give any more gold to help the abbeys and the hospices in Camelot. That was the responsibility of the minor nobles, they declared.

Finally, the unthinkable happened — Princess Rosemary and Lord Trevor met on a secret tryst and declared a one-day alliance.

When the 17 survivors met on the assembly meadow by the kingdom's major village, Civicburg, the Laborkans and Liberalots drove the merchants and artisans rallied by Bernard of the Colliery, the peasants of Craig of the Keg, and Dennis the Enchanter from the field.

Princess Rosemary declared herself Chief Noble of Camelot, and said that Lord Trevor was the only enemy she would recognise officially.

But Bernard of the Colliery took great offence at this, and declared himself and his followers; Friar Hector of the Order of the Bleeding Heart, Michael the Morris Dancer, and the ex-mercenary Norman, to be nobles of the Rallic faction.

However, Princess Rosemary knighted Craig of the Keg as Sir Craig D'Uby and his follower the water diviner was created the Keeper of the Mace and made in charge of the rules for the assembly meadow.

Dennis the Enchanter wrapped himself in his sorcerer's robes and said he would not take part at all, but he declined to cast his spell which would make the other nobles disappear. This was because the planets had not yet been astrally aligned the universe in the correct cosmic configuration.

The peasants could not believe what had happened to their green, unspoilt kingdom and laughed, "It stinketh more, we desired it not ever at all."

They wondered how Craig of the Keg and Dennis the Enchanter could be part of the nobles fighting over who would rule when they had declared they would burn down the tournament.

So Camelot settled down under the rule of Princess Rosemary and the bad-tempered Count Paul de Whalan.

The peasants went back to tilling their fields, reaping their crops, and watching their minor nobles strut around the villages and hedgerows of the little kingdom.

And they thought, "This is silly, we knew it would be silly, but no-one listens to us, not even the Emperor, Robert the Truthful, who loves us so."

But little did they know that Lord Trevor and the notary Bernard of the Colliery were plotting dark deeds with Sir Craig D'Uby to defeat the beautiful Princess Rosemary.

Michael the Morris Dancer grew disgusted at the machinations of the conspiratorial Bernard and his futile plots in the back alleys of Civicburg, and no longer rallied around, declaring himself Michael the Pure, the harlots' friend.

Sir Craig D'Uby found he could not hold the reins of his steed and a jug of ale at the same time, Lady Robyn le Nolan forget to pay some taxes to the evil monks of the Exchequer, and the Keeper of the Mace, the water diviner, declared that all the water in the kingdom was unclean and poisoned.

Dennis the Enchanter thought so too, but he also thought that the erotic Arabic belly dancers secretly watched by some peasants in the seedy village of Fyshwick were vile and evil.

"Look at the lascivious and lubricious way they sway their hips," the enchanter cried.

Eventually it happened, Princess Rosemary and her Laborkan faction was ambushed on the assembly meadow by the Liberalots, the Rallics, and Sir Craig D'Uby.

Lord Trevor became Chief Noble and the Machiavellian Bernard his Heir Apparent with the Sir Craig D'Uby the Lord of the Roads, Bridges and Sewers.

Count Paul de Whalan, thwarted by Princess Rosemary and now Lord Trevor, declared that he did not receive enough gold to warrant being a noble of the little kingdom and went to the capital on the hill where there was enough for everyone.

Now Lord Trevor told Sir Gareth that the abbeys where the peasants worshipped and learnt to read were taking too much of his gold.

The dashing knight rode around Camelot and decided to sack 25 abbeys and take their ancient treasures.

He cast his eye on the abbeys where the monks healed the sick with herbal remedies and declared that the Royal Abbey on the bank of the Griffin River should be sacked and burnt to the ground.

But the peasants revolted and fought the allied nobles with pitchforks and clubs, defeating the soldiers and mercenaries.

However, Sir Gareth did succeed in closing five of the abbeys, but some peasants became fanatical outlaws hiding in the forests, preventing Sir Gareth's men from destroying the abbeys of Lyons and Cook.

Friar Hector of the Order of the Bleeding Heart wandered the land, saying "Blame not I, for I cannot stomach this".

And the peasants cried out in their distress, "Oh Lord, deliver us from this that afflicts us — it stinketh and fills our nostrils so that we cannot breathe".

Inside the mind of the arch-intriguer, the swivel-hipped Bernard of the Colliery, there arose a plan to undermine Lord Trevor's authority by criticising all that the Chief Noble would do.

But he was outsmarted by Lord Trevor and Sir Craig D'Uby who cast him and his followers out from the assembly meadow.

Princess Rosemary then gathered Bernard unto her bosom and intrigued with the notary to displace Lord Trevor and his allies.

The peasants watched in amazement and bewilderment as Princess Rosemary once again became Chief Noble on the assembly meadow.

And they laughed aloud and said, "It is a joke that stinketh so much that all other peasants in the Empire will despise us so".

## Another plot

The beautiful princess immediately restored the abbeys of Lyons and Cook and the fanatical outlaws kissed her feet, laying their cloaks in the mud before her.

The soldiers of the Liberalot faction plotted with Sir Gareth and before Lord Trevor could reach for his sword, they had removed his crown and placed it on Sir Gareth's head.

But Lord Trevor teased his successor for several days, refusing to surrender his position as the official enemy.

While this was happening, another plot developed with the ubiquitous Bernard of the Colliery plotting with Sir Craig D'Uby, his former enemy, to prevent Sir Gareth from being regarded as the official enemy.

The peasants groaned in disbelief when the bloodied Sir Craig thwacked Sir Gareth at the assembly meadow to be the official enemy.

Princess Rosemary rose from her throne in wrath. "I cannot accept this upstart peasant as my official enemy," she declared in thrilling tones.

"From time immemorial the Laborkans and the Liberalots have been enemies," the princess declared and changed the rules to declare Sir Gareth to be the official enemy.

Poor Sir Craig, he would be recorded as the shortest official enemy in the annals of the Empire — a brief 6½-hour period.

And the peasants shook their forelocks in anguish and shame, "Oh Lord, our souls are travailed and our heads are bowed for it truly stinketh and we wanted it not".

But the unrelenting Bernard and Sir Craig refused to recognise Sir Gareth as the official enemy, and gained the support of Dennis the Enchanter by promising he could cast one of his spells every once in a while.

Now the little kingdom lies in confusion, its inhabitants sore at heart at how their land has been governed.

They tell their children that there was a time when there were no evil monks and no minor nobles, just the Emperor in his capital on the hill, who protected the peasants and smiled upon them.

As their memories fade, it becomes a bright shining moment that was Camelot.



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## A Grovel from the Editor:

I wish to apologise to those who receive their Griffintayles by post as the last issue wasn't mailed until now. I also wish to apologise for this issue being published a few days late. My excuse for both of the above is that I have just moved.

Yours in service to the Dream; John of the Hills.

## Monthly Bashes

July	Open Weapons
August	Venetian (2 Handers)
September	Surprise Weapons
October	War Muster
November	4 Winds War/Pandybat
December	Spear