

ARDANRUNES

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Calendar of Events

September 1	MidSummer Knights Dream – Smythekepe
September 1	Slay the Dragon – Vogelburg
September 15	Gleann Abhann Arts & Sciences Faire – Wyrmegeist
September 29	Harvest Home – Northover
October 6	Gleann Abhann Fall Coronation – Tor an Riogh
October 13	Diamond Wars – Small Gray Bear
October 20	Knight's Academy – Dragoun's Weal
October 27	Samhain (Ork Wars) – Grey Niche
November 3	Three Kings – Rosenfeld (Ansteorra)
November 3	Swamp Romp – Troll Fen
November 10	Havoc – Loch Bais
November 10	Quest for the Holy Pail III – Rooks Haven
November 17	Gleann Abhann Fall Crown List – Ardanroe
December 1	Christmas Revel – Axemoor
March 9-16	Gulf Wars XVII

ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: Mistress Sarah MacGregor
Knight Marshal: Lord Johannes von Greifenburg
Herald: Lord James in le Breres
Exchequer: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid
Minister of Arts & Sciences: Lord James in le Breres
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada
Chirurgeon: VACANT

Minister of Children: VACANT
Web Minister: VACANT
Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart
Quartermaster: Mistress Sarah MacGregor
Chatelaine: Lord Michael atte Harp
Historian: Lady Ceara Ó Bárdáin
Constable: The Honorable Lady Dana the Quarrier

OFFICES SEEKING TO BE FILLED – Chirurgeon, Minister of Children, Web Minister!

DEPUTIES WANTED – Seneschal, Minister of Arts & Sciences, Herald

HARKEN YE!

Below is a tentative schedule of Shire activities for the month of September:

September 8 – Fighter Practice – 9:00 a.m. – Mike Woods Park (Saturday)
September 12 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library (Wednesday)
September 22 – Fighter Practice – 9:00 a.m. – Mike Woods Park (Saturday)
September 26 – A&S Workshop – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library (Wednesday)

NOTE: Please see the Forum and Shire website for updates.



LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings, Ardanroe!

First off, congratulations to all of you for a very successful Scribal and Heraldic Symposium. Everyone worked without complaint and managed to have a little fun, too. I've heard nothing but rave reviews from our guests, and I suspect that Hugh may be beating the girls away with a stick after such an excellent feast! Congratulations to Amata and Hugh for their well deserved AOAs, to Ceara for her Silver Ram, and to Dana for her Grant of Arms. I'm proud of all of you!

September will bring a long populace meeting on the 12th, as we lay the past event's business to rest and get started on Crown List. We also have A&S on the 26th to continue working on our wall hangings. Please note that there is NO Fiber Arts night in September, as the library was already booked for the 3rd Wednesday.

Many of us will be traveling around the Kingdom this month as the eventing season kicks back up, so please travel safely and remember to note some event details for our Chronicler and our Historian!

In Service,

Sarah



SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

Their Royal Majesties need award scrolls. Below is the text to one of the many awards in the new Kingdom.

Champion of the Arts

Whereas you, _____, have displayed before Our populace superior knowledge, research, talent and skill, it is Our pleasure and privilege as King and Queen of Gleann Abhann to proclaim you as Champion of the Arts and Sciences. Done this _____ day of _____ Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_Sovereign _Consort



TOWN FAIRE

The pre-cook for the GAHSS held a Harp's house on Saturday, August 4th was a success. Everything that needed to be pre-cooked for feast was done that day. Five people attended (Hugh, Sarah, James, Ceara, Michael). No fighter practice was held due to the intense heat.

The Fiber Arts Night on Wednesday August 15th at the Aulds Branch Library was small with two Shire members present and went from 7:00 to 8:15. Sarah worked on a tablet woven warped loom while Rory drew out patterns for more leather boxes. Both answered questions from two of the library's student workers.

Fighter practice was not held on Saturday, August 18th due to the continued intense heat; August having several weeks in the 100 degree and above temperatures.

At least sixteen people (Sarah, James, Dana, Medb, Ceara, Michael, Hugh, Apollonia, Timotheus, Avic, Rory, Amata, Johannes, Branwen, Lorccán, Katharine) attended the Shire of Ardanroe's A&S night on Wednesday August 22nd at Aulds Branch Library from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Two of six future new wall tapestries were traced in markers on fabric using an overhead projector and all vegetables for the lunch fund raiser at GAHSS were peeled and cut. Dana served seafood pizza bread, Ceara cookies, and Apollonia fruit.



July Demo at Ruston Public Library
(From left to right) Michael atte Harp, Ceara Ó Bárdáin, Apollonia, Timotheus,
Sarah MacGregor, Amata Quentin Motzhart, Rory ua Riada





A LOOK AT THE PAST

The Shire of Ardanroe has a long history, being over twenty years old. This will be a periodic column featuring an office of the Shire denoting the dates it was active and names of those who served in the office. This month we look at the office of the Chronicler.

Chronicler

?/1981 - ?/1981	Kenna McKenna (first issue)
9/1981 - ?/198?	Diarmuid MacSeumas O'Siodhachain (second issue)
?/1982 – 5/1984	Catharian Prieddeu Gwynedd
5/1984 – 8/1984	Cassandra of Ardanroe
9/1984 – 10/1985	Angela von Braun
12/1985 – 12/1986	Jacqueline de Lyons
1/1987 – 1/1988	Arwen of Caer Baeddan
2/1988 – 5/1988	Jacqueline de Lyons
6/1988 – 3/1989	Graham
4/1989 – 7/1989	Judith
8/1989 – 7/1990	Alessandra Alegretti
8/1990 – 8/1992	Charmaine de Chanson
9/1992 – 3/1993	Rory ua Riada
11/1993 – 3/1994	Gabrielle Elisabeth Chantereau
3/1994 – 4/1995	Rovena of Bri Leigh
1/1996 – 12/1997	Rory ua Riada/Jacqueline de Lyons (as a quarterly newsletter)
1/1998	Office abolished
7/2002 – 2/2006	Dana the Quarrier (reactivated print newsletter – done monthly)
3/2006 – Present	Rory ua Riada (newsletter changed to electronic only, done monthly)

Fifteen people have served as Chronicler for the Shire of Ardanroe. No one from Ardanroe has served as Chronicler of the regular monthly newsletter or the specialty newsletter at the Kingdom, Principality, or Regional level. However, several members of the Shire have been published in the regular monthly and the specialty newsletters at all three levels, including *Popular Chivalry* (regular monthly Kingdom newsletter) and *Seasons* (A&S newsletter) in Meridies and *The Ambassador* (as a Regional, Principality, and Kingdom newsletter) in Gleann Abhann. These have included letters from officers, event flyers, poetry, artwork, and articles of an arts and sciences nature.

The Ardanrunes existed as a print newsletter for the Shire of Ardanroe from 1981 to 1997, when it was abolished. It had been produced monthly, bimonthly, and in the last two years quarterly. *The Ardanrunes* was restarted in 2002 by Dana the Quarrier, who produced it as a monthly print newsletter for 42 months, three and a half years. With Dana's retirement as Chronicler, the newsletter ended its print existence. *The Ardanrunes* is now produced as an electronic-only newsletter available on the Shire's website. All back issues of the electronic version can be accessed from the Chronicler's page of the Shire's website.



Over the Fence



Many of you know our lovely shire member Dana the Quarrier. She can often be found lending a hand in the kitchen at many of our gatherings. If you stay around long enough you will surely get a taste of her fine cooking.

She lives in Alba where she spends her time farming and working in the rock quarry. As a widow she has to see after her dogs, cats, chickens, sheep and cattle herself. Even though she is a peasant, she was taught to read and write from a priest and a wise woman.

Dana's main concerns for her life are warm hands and feet, good food, a solid house, and mourners when she dies.





LET'S DANCE!

We will conclude our look at Branles this month. Remember that there are many Branles out there; some which we have not covered.

This month's dance is: The Washerwomen's Branle

The formation of the Washerwomen's Branle is unclear as it is not stated in Thoinot Arbeau's *Orchésographie*. Mistress Signy Dimmridaela, in her article "Opening the Book on Branles" notes that the Washerwomen's Branle could be danced as one large circle or as two concentric circles. The 'one big circle' formation requires the least manipulation of the source material. Partners are arranged holding hands in one big circle.¹ If done as two concentric circles the men are all in one circle and the women all in the other circle facing each other.

The choreography for the Washerwomen's Branle is:

Double left, double right

Double left, double right

Single left, single right (during which women put their hands on their hips while the men shake their fingers at them)

Single left, single right (while the women give it back to the indignant men)

Double left (all clapping hands), double right, double left (clapping hands) Kick left, kick right, kick left (while turning counterclockwise), and jump in place.

Double left (all clapping hands), double right, double left (clapping hands) Kick left, kick right, kick left (while turning counterclockwise), and jump in place.²

The dance starts with everyone holding hands. Then everyone lets go of their partners' hands and become very dramatic while doing the single steps. This can be a very entertaining dance as the men and women argue. Then everyone pretends to wash clothes. Mistress Signy states that "the clapping of the hands is supposed to sound like '...the women beating the washing on the banks of the Seine.'"³

The last part of the dance repeats in Arbeau. However not all recorded music for this dance has the final refrain repeating. Some versions of the dance will only have the actual 'washing' occurring once. Others will follow the complete choreography above with the 'washing' occurring twice.

Enjoy! -Rory

Notes:

¹ Dimmridaela, Signy. Opening the Book on Branles. In: Street Jr. Bill, comp. *A Known World Dance Compendium: Being a Diverse Collection of Theory and Practical Aspects of Dance as it is Practiced Throughout the Lands that Make up the Society for Creative Anachronism*. [Birmingham, AL: Bill Street Jr]: a publication of Saltare, the Dance Guild of the Kingdom of Meridies, 1997; pp. 81-89.

² Dimmridaela; pp. 84-85.

³ Dimmridaela; p. 85.

RUGA College of Western European Dance

Level 1

- 8 classes of beginning / intermediate practical dance, at least one from each repertoire.
- 2 classes of dance history ~or~ reconstruction ~or~ teaching

Level 2

- 6 classes of intermediate / advanced practical dance in at least 3 repertoires
- 2 classes of dance history ~or~ reconstruction ~or~ teaching
- Teach one beginning level dance class (practical)

Level 3

- 6 classes elective at intermediate or advanced level from any category
- Teach one intermediate or advanced level dance class, any category
- Reconstruct one period dance of intermediate or advanced level ~or~ choreograph one original dance in period style to period music

Repertoires

15th century Italian

15th century French (basse danse)

16th century Italian

16th century English (Inns of Court & Gresley)

16th century French (Arbeau)

17th century English (English Country Dance)

Categories

Practical Dance – dance classes proper, where actual dances or dance styling is taught

History – history of dance, dance in culture, sources & research work

Teaching – how to teach dance

Reconstruction / Choreography –reconstructing the different types of dance, how to choreograph in period style

Notes

I envision there being three levels of all classes – beginning, intermediate and advanced. Here's a rough example of some categorized classes (bear in mind these are only example classes :) :

Practical Dance

Beg – Intro to 15th century Italian

Int – Intermediate 15th century Italian

Adv – Adv 15th century Italian ~or~ specific dances of that level (Sobria, Mercantia)

History

Beg – General History of Dance

Int – Sources of Italian Dance

Adv - Dance in Italian Culture

Teaching

Beg – Basics of Teaching Dance

Int – Running a Ball

Adv - Working with Live Musicians

Reconstruction / Choreography

Beg – Reconstructing English Country Dance I

Int – Reconstructing Italians ~or~ ECD II

Adv – Reconstructing Negri ~or~ Choreographing a 16th c. Balli

College originally created by Julian ferch Rhys, January 2007.



FORTNIGHT

Ten adults (Sarah, Medb, Katharine, Dana, Amata, Rory, Lorccan, James, Ceara, Hugh) attended the August 8 Wednesday Populace Meeting at the Aulds Library from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Sarah, as Shire Seneschal, presided over the meeting. The calendar of events was covered for the months of August, September, and October. Flyers for Diamond Wars and Ork Wars picked up at Barbearian Brawl or mailed to the Seneschal by the respective autocrats were passed around. Sarah reported that the Yahoo! Group for Ardanroe was set up. The Forum will be deleted after September 1st. It is no longer available for general discussion and posting of notices; however, the personal/private messages are still accessible. Everyone has until September 1st to save or move those messages before the Forum is completely deleted. The demo held at Ruston on July 21st was fun, went great, and entertained the kids with good educational presentations. Only one person has applied to become the new Chatelaine. The new Chatelaine will be Michael atte Harp. The Seneschal would like a Deputy. She currently has a Drop Dead Deputy but that person does not want to be the Designated Successor when her term ends.

James as Herald noted that several members are working at submitting names or devices or both this month and encouraged everyone to continue working on this so that all Shire members have a name and armory.

Sarah reported for the Marshal as today both Johannes and Michael had their first day of class as Bossier schools started today. Michael had notified Sarah that he was ready to do the two tourneys at the Social on Saturday. Due to all of the rain there were no fighter practices held in July.

Medb as Exchequer reported that the top for the new smaller Shire pavilion had been ordered. The Shire trailer has also been repaired with new fenders, back fixed, sanded, sealed, repainted, new jack, ball/hinge, lights and wiring. It now has a nice white body. The suggestion to paint the Shire's arms on the trailer was tabled until the weather was cooler again. The bank account signatures have been updated. Dana has expressed interest in becoming Medb's replacement deputy to hold the office when her term ends.

James as A&S Minister had a giant bucket of okra to share with everyone. He has more okra for anyone to come and pick. He would like the August, September, and October A&S workshops to be on banners for the hall as the four ladies are getting old. Ideas for scenes instead of figures are desired. He would like to use the Kingdom colors (which are also some of the Shire's colors) as the major colors in the new banners. Branwen had expressed a desire to have a lunch pre-cook at her house on A&S Night so the August A&S needs to be worked out. This month the Quarterly A&S report is due. Everyone was encouraged to email James their activities and projects for the report.

Dana as Constable had nothing new to report. She will bring waivers for the Saturday social.

Rory at Chronicler reported that the August issue of Ardanrunes is on the Shire's web page. The last two pages has Viscountess Marion's article on doing documentation for A&S entries. Pictures and artwork are requested.

Amata as Provost has encouraged everyone to attend Kingdom A&S/RUGA in September. She is riding with Rory to this event.

Ceara as Historian has received two more completed persona questionnaires for the "Over the Fence" column. She encouraged everyone to complete this. Also please let her know of any awards or neat activities you do at events for her report and the Shire scrapbook.

The Shire events were then discussed.

Balder's Revenge, the Shire Social this Saturday will have set up at 9:30 with starting of activities at 10:00. Park your cars at the dentist office. This will allow parking at Holy Cross Villa for the out-of-towners. She has heard from people in Rosenfeld but not from anyone in Blackwood, Vogelburg, or Loch Bais. Amata is bringing the plates, cups, and utensils. Dana is picking up the hot dogs and hamburgers for the Shire and buns for Sarah. Medb is bringing ice. There will be two or three coolers for water, tea, and lemonade. Side dishes are being brought by many present. The Shire won't worry about loaner garb for the social so friends, family, newcomers do not have to be in garb. There are two grills at the site for cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers. Scrolls are done. Be prepared for the heat.

Sarah will be the first person on site for the Heraldic and Scribal Symposium. She is in charge of setting up hall decorations. In talking to Mistress Daphne, Beacon Principal Herald, they thought of having a heraldic/scribal

library for the day in the corner. Michael has the Pas de Arms under control – barrier bear pit tourney with the Virtue tokens. Medb reported that there were 9 or 10 beds left and around 10 feast spaces left. The pre-cook held at Harp's on August 4th was a success, though Hugh scalded his arm in a soup-puree blender accident. His Highness Prince Uther is attending the event. Her Majesty Queen Mary Grace is attending the event. It is not yet known if His Majesty King Havordh will be attending. Feast gear for the high table will be gotten to Rory from Sarah by next Wednesday. Tablecloths will be looked at for the high table. A brief meeting should follow this Saturday's Social along with specifics on the lunch pre-cook and royal liaison.

The bid for Crown List was accepted by Their Royal Highnesses. ACCEPS is being set up for use for registration. Their Highness' plans to have a Friday night walk the field at 10:00 p.m. and a Consorts Breakfast Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. HRH Kenna is trying to find someone to do the Consorts Breakfast. Sarah and James are in charge of field set up including the layout of the pavilions of the entrants, Crown, and populace. They are also in charge of set up of decorations in the hall. The tentative schedule is to have armor inspection at 9:00 and the procession starting at 10:00. The Kingdom Bard and Poet Laureate competitions will be held during the day. A dessert table will be set up after feast for socializing. Ceara has an idea for a massive cake and will bring information on it to the Social Saturday. No decision has been made yet on the lunch fund raiser. Dana is doing feast. The idea of hand-made pizzas for Travelers Fare is being considered; however, this was mainly Michael's idea and he may have to work that night (band for football). Dana would like to have breakfast sandwiches – toast, eggs, sausage, and bacon, cheese (sliced pepperjack or shredded cheese) laid out for people to fix themselves along with coffee and juice. Both the breakfast sandwiches and travelers fare would only need napkins rather than plates so could provide these and still request that people bring feast gear if desired for these meals. Dana to start breakfast and Rory will help finish it after his paper route.

Rory requested ideas for decorating the prize mugs/goblets if we continue this new tradition. The suggestion was to look at the game *Clue* and the weapons since we will have a murder mystery at the event and could make all the weapons period. He also encouraged everyone to recommend classes and instructors. Forging would be perfect for the weather that time of year. Sarah is to write up the rules for the A&S Triathlon by next Wednesday. James would like us to be able to advertise the Triathlon with large flyers at Kingdom A&S.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



CARRIAGE CHATTER

Shire Social Event (1-day), August 11, Shire of Ardanroe

Twenty-four people braved the sun's sizzling heat to attend the Shire of Ardanroe's social, Balder's Revenge, at the Holy Cross Villas in Bossier City, Saturday, August 11, 2007. Lady Ceara was the autocrat. Set up in the outdoor screened pavilion began at nine-thirty. Activities ran from ten o'clock to one-thirty. Lady Dana had sign-in sheets at the front table. Two members of Loch Bais, Melisande and Finian, were the only non-Ardanroe residents. Several family members were brought to this social as their first SCA activity. Johannes, Og, and Lorccán bravely donned their armor and fought outside under the shade of the trees. Lorccán, Og, and Rory entered the A&S Competition with a bottle of brew, Viking drinking horn, and leather tooled box. Judging was by populace vote using colored beads. Music and games were made available, but due to the heat of the day, most sat and talked and hydrated, though there were a lot of looms and a spinning wheel present. Lunch was held around twelve-thirty. Hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked on the outdoor grill by Hugh. A wide selection of side dishes was brought by attendees ranging from potato salad and beans and chili to fruit bowls and jello molds and a banana pudding. The winners of the contests were announced and presented with prizes by Lady Ceara following lunch.

As the bright rays of the summer sun are upon us _____ has bested all others in the ____ and revenged Balder's death that the autumn winds might return.

A&S Competition – Lorccán na Túaithe (for his brewing entry)
Viking Weapons Tournament – Og the Viking
Shire Defender Tournament – Johannes von Griefenburg



Hugh cooks the burgers.



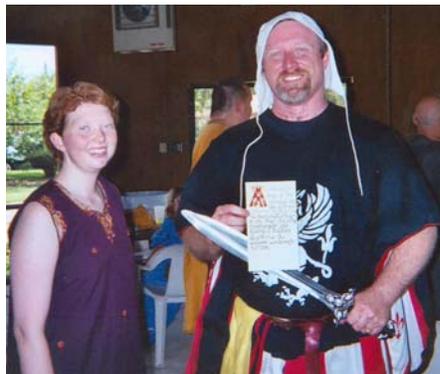
Lorccán and Johannes take the field.



Timotheus and Apollonia relax.



A&S Competition – Lorccán



Shire Defender – Johannes



Viking Weapons – Og

A brief meeting regarding the GA Herald and Scribal Symposium was held by Johannes, the autocrat, from one-thirty to two-thirty inside the air conditioned clubhouse of Holy Cross Villas. Then all fled home away from the 102 to 105 degree temperatures outdoors. Six went to the see the new movie *Stardust*.

Aphar Faire, August 17-19, Shire of Lagerdamm

The theme was mermaids and how the Fair went I do not know as no one from Ardanroe attended. Master Erik and Mistress Brigit kindly assisted Maistir Rory with the transferring of more files and office equipment of the Kingdom Exchequer office by picking the items up late Friday night and taking them to Aphar Faire. THL Adrienne then moved the items to THL Caitriona's wagon to take to the Tudor house she is having built to store all of this stuff. ☺