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THE CLARION



The newsletter of the Shire of Darton, of the Kingdom of Lochac, November AS XLII (2007)

“Do you wish to be free? Then above all things, love God, love your neighbour, love one another, love the common weal; then you will have true liberty.” – Girolamo Savonarola, Italian Monk and Reformer (1452-1498)

From the Chronicler

GREETINGS To you all, from my sixth Clarion as Darton Chronicler. I have received my warrant of tenure from the Kingdom Chronicler, Huzzah!

NAAMA was a mixture of highs and lows. High point – Sancha and I won the best encampment award with our mutual friends MLH! Low point – somebody was larking about next to the large bonfire and fell in, giving themselves second degree burns!

It just goes to show, if you're not careful you *can* have too much of a good thing. I mean, I'm all for everything-in-moderation-even-excess, but I suspect at an SCA event, there would have been two or three constables at the bonfire, looking out for people's safety.

But I digress. All in all, NAAMA was a perfectly good event to go to, and I daresay I'll be back, in the fullness of time.

Next up is November Camp. Yes, I'll be taking my clogs and spade to this event *too*, just in case it is like last year. On the other hand, it may be warm, dry and glorious, and a great place to kick back, do some more camp cooking, and a few glasses of something tasty!

See you there, and cheers!

Master Stefano

Regular Meetings

HEAVY Fighter Practice and Rapier Practice. Sunday 10am-2pm, Northlands Hall, Woburn Road, Northland. All welcome. Contact Sir Asbjorn on (04) 9760 220 for details.

DANCE Workshops. Held at the fighters practice hall from 12.30pm every second Sunday. All welcome. Contact Lady Francesca on (04) 4771 606 for details. [This notice may be out of date.]

ARTS and Sciences Meetings. Wednesday 7pm-9.30pm, Pembroke Road, Wilton. All welcome. Contact Lady Robyn on (0211) 504 876 for details.

DARTON Council Meetings. Held at the arts and sciences meeting from [7pm] every first Wednesday of the month. All Welcome. Contact Fru Marienna on (04) 9760 220 for details.

Upcoming Events

SPRING Camp 14th – 18th November 2007, a living history camp at Brookfields Scout Camp, Moores Valley Rd, Wainuiomata, hosted by Medieval Living History New Zealand (MLH NZ). Subject to rules about authenticity (see website).

\$8 per night tenting, \$12 per night hard accommodation, \$10 insurance levy, \$5 event membership fee for non-members, day-tripping \$5 per day for members and non-members, children under 16yrs free. Pay when you arrive or with your booking form.

www.livinghistory.org.nz/spring_camp_07.html

CANTERBURY Faire, 1st – 6th February 2008, Waipara, North Canterbury, Southron Gaard. New Zealand's largest SCA event, with days of camping, feasting, arts, tourneys, wars and unceasing conviviality in the leafy green

surroundings of Waipara. No Mud! No Dust!
No Venomous Fauna! Bookings are open!

"Imagine the scene: 150 or more gentles garbed in soft wools and linens. Banners and pennons fly gently in the breeze that stirs the firs. Nearby is a coffee house, where stories of past renown and future conquest are spun, while spindles twirl a more tangible yarn. To one side, knights and nobles practice the arts martial, while consorts discuss bruise remedies. Flocks of charming children run errands when not playing on the lush green grass. A short walk away there is singing beside the waterhole and splashing in the cool deep waters. A hedgehog snuffles idly by..."

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MAY Crown AS XLIII, 9th – 11th May 2008. The Shire of Darton invites you to attend May Crown in Darton. Enjoy a weekend of festivities centred around our finest fighters competing for their consorts to be the next Crown of Lochac.

Relax in our tavern on Friday night, watch the pageantry and chivalry of a crown tournament followed by a fabulous feast on the Saturday, and then on Sunday enjoy the spectacle of a rapier tourney. Come and experience the hospitality that Darton is renowned for.

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Darton Council Minutes

DARTON Council Minutes
October 2007

[Seneschal's Opening Remarks]

Started 7.30. That's half an hour late. Please try to make it on time. There's always a bit of creepage, but we want to finish at a reasonable hour. Also, if you're an officer and you can't make it, remember to email me or call in your apology and report. If an officer consistently does not show and does not report, I will assume they have resigned.

Officers Reports

Marshal

Nothing to report. A new version of the CH is about to come out (edit: is now available on the marshals' website!)

Lists

Nothing to report.

Seneschal

Nothing to report.

Recruitment

Apologies, written report submitted. "I posted text onto my work bulletin board. I propose to provide some text for other people so they can put notices up on their work boards, if they wish. I encourage you to put up the posters from the Clarion, at work or the shops you go to get supplies for your SCA activities."

Quartermaster

Apologies, written report submitted. "I have received Sharon's list but have not had time to incorporate it into the master list. I hear there was a full assessment of the hire garb, I'd like a revised list if there was one made.

"In addition, the table cloths/sheets have been found and made their way to Maggie's. She'll wash and make ready for an ironing session."

Arts & Sciences

Cooking workshop coming up the 13th October. Some group work will be needed on the gold key.

Martial A&S

Nothing to report.

Archery

Attempted archery at Day o' Fun but failed. Will need an armouring workshop before CF.

Rapier

Sir Asbjorn running it.

Chatelaine

Nothing to report. Been unwell.

Chronicler

Clarion out. Photos and articles etc. needed, please! Still not warranted. [Correction – now warranted!]

Constable

Nothing to report.
Still looking for replacement.

Reeve

Apologies. Nothing to report.

Herald

No report submitted.

Events

DA

Deposit refunded instead of moved to Crown?
Richard was investigating. Item tabled until next month. Have we had final accounts from DA?

Day o' Fun

Went well! The gold key was gone through, moths discovered. Rescue operation underway and working bees will be happening.

Bear House Fundraiser

Went well, raised \$110 towards equipment. Will be repeated!

November Camp. Bookings open. Reminder, this is a Living History camp, minimum requirements exist (however most SCA folk will meet them easily).

12th Night

Will be sorted out soon, by [November?] meeting. Need venue. Harriers hall was discussed, then focused on Karori scout hall. Has great potential. Maggie will investigate as she has in with the scouts.

February Camp

Still sorting out dates and awaiting feedback from Brookfields.

May Crown

Brief discussion on the outcome of the meeting. Have whittled down equipment lists, will come to approximately \$1000 of shire money, covering tabards etc, banners and a new list field. All happy.

New fundraising idea - the art for the T-shirts feature arms. These will be offered up for sale, with condition that they're registered and right of refusal on artistic grounds.

Web page up at the end of the week. (edit: it's now up). Some biscuit recipes were researched. Cooks have been challenged to look up others, particularly ones that can be made in advance.

Outstanding Issues

Ice Packs

Kerry has costed, will purchase 2 each of freezable gel packs for ankles, knees and hands, and two instant ones for the fighters' kit, on the proviso that if you use it, you replace it. They're \$6.75 each.

Event Discussion

The results of the survey have been tallied. Trends seen were: People want more events, probably bi-monthly. Cost is a factor, as well as leave. Camping events would be welcome perhaps twice a year. Most expressed a preference for multi-purpose events, combining tourney/feast, A&S/feast, or as many as possible aspects of events.

Much discussion ensued. Final results: A calendar based on a bi-monthly event. Existing events, DA, Feb camp cover the camping event side of things. We will reprise the Queen's Birthday Collegium. A Midwinter event and a 12th Night event will be added. This leaves openings for a Yule type event in early December, and something in the October and April school holidays. While Easter and thus Festival is a big event, there are people who don't go.

Bearing in mind that the group of people coming might be smaller, it was agreed that a 'lite' event would be suitable.

Thus people are invited to put bids in for events around this calendar.

Darton Council Positions

MASTER Stefano is looking for a replacement Constable to begin as soon as practicable. The Constable's position involves looking after health and safety issues, lost property, security, the good behaviour of participants at events, and periodicity issues at events. All applications should be emailed directly to Master Stefano, Fru Marienna and the Kingdom Constable.

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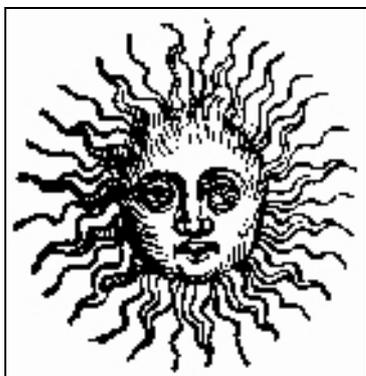
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The Chastity Belt Song

Oh say, gentle maiden, may I be your lover?
Condemn me no longer to moan and to weep,
Struck down like a hawk,
I lie wounded and bleeding,
Come let down your drawbridge,
I'll enter your keep,

I'll enter your keep nonny nonny,
enter your keep,
Come let down your drawbridge,
I'll enter your keep,

Alas gentle knight, I'm no longer a maiden,
I'm married to Sir Oswald,
the cunning old Celt,
He's away at the wars,
for a twelve month or longer,
And he's taken the key to my chastity belt,

Chastity belt nonny nonny, chastity belt,
And he's taken the key to my chastity belt,



Fear not gentle lady, for I know of a locksmith,
And of his good skills I'm sure we'll avail,
Alas Sir and Madam, to help I'm unable,
The cunning old bastard has fitted a Yale

Fitted a Yale nonny nonny, fitted a Yale,
The cunning old bastard has fitted a Yale,

My dear I am back from my wars,
with the heathen,
And terrible new I have to confide,
I have to confide,
As my ship was a passing,
the Straits of Gibraltar,
I carelessly dropped the key over the side,

Over the side nonny nonny, over the side,
Carelessly dropped the key over the side,

Alas and alack, I am locked up forever,
Then up jumped a page boy, said leave it to me,
If you will allow me to enter your chamber,
I'll open it up with my duplicate key,

Duplicate key nonny nonny, duplicate key,
I'll open it up with my duplicate key!.

(A traditional song, generally sung by scallywags)



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