

# SCA Shire of Darton

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### **Heavy Fighter Practice and Rapier Practice**

Sunday 10am-2pm, Northlands Hall, Woburn Road, Northland.  
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# THE CLARION



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

*“At Christmas play, and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year.”  
Thomas Tusser, English poet (c. 1527 - 1580)*

## From the Chronicler

**W**ELL Well, Lords and Ladies all, it's been a busy month! November Camp was a blast, and St Catherine's Fair was excellent. It also appears the Barony of Ildhafn has shaken itself from its winter slumbers, and started doing some excellent and cool medieval stuff.

Actually what I was most impressed by, apart from winning my first two-a-side melee tournament (granted, with Sir Inigo as my partner), and Master Brian and I taking Lord Edward Braithwaite and Lord Androu le Greyn respectively as our first apprentices, was the number of younger or newer players the Barony of Ildhafn now has.

And really, if we want to grow our own fair Shire of Darton, we need to emulate what Ildhafn are doing. We need to advertise the shire and the fun we have widely and competently. We need to have public, indeed very public, fighter practices, and archery and rapier and dance and other events such as the Yule picnic this Saturday. We need start a medieval college at Victoria University, and find students and university people to lead it. And we need to run great events, and give new members something to come to and say to themselves “Wow! This is great, how do I get regularly involved?”

Luckily, the last of these is already taken care of in the short term, because the shire is running May Crown next May, which strikes me as a great event to get new people enthusiastic about. As I have recommended before, I think people should get involved in helping to run this event, insofar as they feel they are able.

But this might be as simple as inviting some of your friends and colleagues to come to May Crown for a day or so, and helping them make their first set of medieval costume.

Just a thought.

*Master Stefano*

## Regular Meetings

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

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

**D**ARTON 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

**T**HE Yule Picnic will be at 2:00pm on the 8th of December (this coming Saturday), on the Magpie Lawn in the Botanic Gardens near Glenmore St. A map of the gardens, with the Magpie Lawn marked on it, can be found at <http://www.wellington.govt.nz/services/gardens/botanicgardens/pdfs/botanicmap.pdf>.

If the weather isn't nice to us, it may be postponed. [Otherwise,] please come in garb, with food, drink, games (petanque, cricket, knattleikr, chess, board games), projects, rugs [or] anything you think you might want or need. I'd love to see lots of people there, as I've only been in Darton two weeks now!

Also, should you so desire, please bring a can of food or a gold coin donation. These will be given to the salvation army to distribute to the needy.

[Robyn: We were discussing the possibility of holding a guerrilla shopping trip – mostly fabric shops – on Saturday morning before the picnic as we have lots of new fencers who need garb and have no material to make it from and who we want to encourage to come to an event.]

*Thanks, Hannah/Yseult*

**T**HERE Is an upcoming concert by Baroque Voices - a group that a fellow at work sings with that specialise in early, especially medieval, music. It's a concert of medieval Christmas music, on December 23rd at St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott St.

It's pretty much the only gothic-style church in Wellington, so it's the perfect venue for this sort of music. The singers and players are all fantastic and the music will be cool.

There's a bit of a blurb about it here:  
<http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=NOWELL07>

Let me know if you are interest, I have a few pamphlets about it as well.

*Cheers, Robyn/Sancha*

**C**ANTERBURY 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..."*

[//sg.sca.org.nz/cf.htm](http://sg.sca.org.nz/cf.htm)

**M**AY 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.

[//darton.sca.org.nz/index.php/standard/12/109](http://darton.sca.org.nz/index.php/standard/12/109)

## Darton Council Minutes November 2007

Start 7.00, Finish 8.10.

Apologies: Marshal, Chatelaine.

### Officers' Reports

#### Seneschal

Nothing in particular to report.

#### Recruitment

Nothing to report due to studies.

#### Quartermaster

Nothing to report due to studies.

## **Chatelaine**

Nothing to report. However it was noted that more gold key garb has been passed on from Mel via Richard. Nice renaissance garb for medium sized people. Includes jewellery and feast gear!

## **Reeve**

In: same as it ever was. Out: \$2,588.36. Statement cycle has now been adjusted so that monthly statements are received BEFORE council meetings. Theoretically also have internet access (read-only) to the account. Will sort out.

## **Herald**

Nothing to report.

## **Marshal**

Nothing to report.

## **Lists**

Sent off kingdom report.

## **Fencing**

Proceeds. Running into problems with lack of equipment. Using private gear. Request for assistance towards new equipment but council unkeen. Suggested a levy to cover the cost of replacement - might also make people more keen to make their own! Options need to be explored. Asbjorn may need to shut down his fencing towards Christmas.

## **Archery**

Nothing has happened due to lack of venue. Park in Brooklyn is a possibility. More research is needed. Need to do an armour workshop before Canterbury Faire. Hopefully another Day o' Fun as well.

## **Constable**

Noted that NAAMA suffered from some idiocy - example of how 'Not To Do It'. Still looking for replacement.

## **Chronicler**

Pegasus is out. Am now warranted! Please supply articles and photos, event notices. [Seneschal notes] Pegasus issues are outstanding which raises issues about subscription liability.

## **Arts & Sciences**

Working bee to start on tabards etc. 1st of December at Maggie's, starting at 10.30. Term is up in January. Would be happy to continue but would also welcome a successor as would be keen to take up the constabulary. No A&S on 14th November due to November camp. 12th December is the last A&S Wednesday at Maggie's over Christmas ([or] possibly longer).

## **Martial A&S**

Nothing to report. No fighters' practice on the 18th due to November camp.

## **Outstanding Business**

### **Ice Packs**

Kerry to deal with.

### **Past Events**

DA: Bond still to be sorted out. Richard is playing telephone tag with Brookfields.

### **Future Events**

Christmas Picnic: [8th] December. Very relaxed garbed picnic, so [Hannah/Yseult] can get to know some more people in Darton. Bring anything: picnic rugs, games, food, projects, and musical instruments. Also, if you would like, bring a gold coin or can or food or similar to donate to charity. It is Christmas, after all! Date and venue: [The Yule picnic will be at 2:00pm on the 8th of December (this coming Saturday), on the Magpie Lawn in the Botanic Gardens near Glenmore St.]

12th Night: Venue still not sorted.

February Camp: May become March camp. Need an event steward from SCA.

May Crown: First bookings received. New account needed. Won't need money across hopefully as there are cheques to be deposited. Richard to action. Nothing from Peter re booking online. Could be related to email troubles, and will be followed up on. Silk - Richard happy to hand over to Tam. Emails get forwarded. We need to get this sorted! Crown meeting on the 2nd after the workshop. Market at Crown? Oh yes. Feast capped at 120 now - more space than we remembered. If things go crazy we'll have to do an overspill into the Maire hall.

### Open Business

Asset insurance: Sharon broken into and two boxes of stuff taken. Her insurance will cover this, but raised the issue of asset insurance. SCANZ has made questions also. Richard will do some preliminary research through a mate who is an insurance broker. Darton is interested in a SCANZ insurance for relevant gear.

Stefano and Sancha won best encampment at NAAMA with the assistance of MLHNZ. Have instituted a prize.

The Bear House still looking for PET bottle and screwcork [screwtop] wine bottles for the mead. Please give us your empties!

### Darton Council Positions

**M**ASTER 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.

**L**ADY Robyn of the May is looking for a replacement for Shire A&S Officer. All applications should be emailed directly to Lady Robyn, Fru Marienna and the Kingdom A&S Officer.

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## **SCA Worldwide Event Announcement**

Astonishing heraldic geek-ful  
Sci-fi fandom coolness!!  
And the best SCA Fighting event ever!!!  
All in the space of two weekends!!!!

Thamesreach (SCA London) is holding the Known World Heraldic & Scribal Symposium on 5-7 September 2008. With speakers planned from the Royal College of Heraldry, Lord Lyons court,

the London Livery companies, The British Library and every other splendid institution that England has to offer, along with the unique heraldic knowledge at Drachenwald's disposal this will be the KWHSS to end all Symposia!

<http://kwhs2008.wikidot.com/>

On the next weekend, Raglan Fair IV is to be held on the Welsh borders, five days of astonishing event in the Awesome surroundings of Raglan Castle, where the SCA UK has Carte Blanche to play wherever they want! Scenario's in Gateways, over bridges, through Donjons and Dungeons, Barbicans, Butteries and baileys. 11-15 September.

<http://www.raglanfair.org/>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u14KW5mbCGg>

Not enough for you? The stop en route from London to Raglan at the Royal Shakespeare company in Stratford-upon-Avon and catch David Tennant and Patrick Stewart in the 2008 season of Hamlet.

[http://www.rsc.org.uk/press/420\\_5736.aspx](http://www.rsc.org.uk/press/420_5736.aspx)

Visit the Wallace collection in London or take the tour of the Royal Armouries in Leeds.

<http://www.wallacecollection.org/>  
<http://www.royalarmouries.org/>

Still not enough? See a production at the Globe theatre while you are at it.

<http://www.shakespeares-globe.org/>

It's the SCA Holiday of a lifetime!!!!

The dates are set. Start your plans now, examine the possibilities, and we will have the full event details out anon. Tell those you think ought to know, See you there!

*Queen Nerissa de Saye of Drachemwald*

# SCA Shire of Darton

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### Arts and Sciences Meetings

Wednesday 7pm-9.30pm, Pembroke Road, Wilton.

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