

# THE CLARION



Newsletter of the Shire of Darton, Kingdom of Lochac  
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# Words from the Seneschal

Greetings to Darton!

The big news of this month is that we have been given leave to arrange May Crown Tourney 2008! That means that a lot of projects are going to be kicked off over the next couple of months, and a lot of volunteers are going to be needed for many things, ranging from small one-off tasks to large ongoing things. Please consider what you would be able to help with and talk to the relevant people. Darton has a reputation for good events and excellent organisation - this event will put us to the test but I am very confident indeed that we will not fall short!

In the meantime though, I shall see you at Collegium!

/Marienna

## Darton Council Minutes

Darton Council meets once a month, on the first Wednesday of the month, at the same location as the weekly Arts and Sciences. Exceptions will be posted to the Darton email list.

### **Shire of Darton Council Meeting Minutes 2 May 2007**

Present: Maggie, Mel, Alisdair, Tamara, Selwyn, Susan, Robyn M., Richard, Martin, Dillon, Stephen M, Kerry, Alistair, Robyn

*Meeting Starts: 7:20 pm.*

### **Officers Reports**

*Seneschal :*

Stepping down officers.

Marshal – Alisdair as of now, step up at Darton Anniversary.

Chronicler – Alistair as of next issue, formally steps up at Darton Anniversary

Constable – no applications as yet. Please send to Alistair and Maggie in email, who invite expressions of interest

Herald – emailed Crux. All CVs and applications to be emailed directly to Crux.

Group stuff

Regalia – Ulf has the marshal's tabards. Richard had the concrete weights for poles.

Maggie, Sharon and Alistair to sort out a date to buy serving gear, after the meeting.

Banners and the Darma order. Suggestion to add silk for undergarments. Order needs to be done in good time to allow for postage in America to connect with courier.

May Crown Tourney bid – we are still waiting to hear news about this.

Alistair mentions that he wants ideas for posters. Sharon comments that this was already tried at the University 4 –5 years ago with no success.

Reeve: \$1819.24 balance. Annual report sent to the SCANZ Inc Treasurer. Report to be presented at council, and resent to the SCANZ Treasurer and provided to Alistair for the Clarion.

Marshal (Dillon): Had a public inquiry regarding the public tourney.

Marshal (Alisdair): As the guy what is righting the rules, is having ongoing discussions with the Kingdom Earl Marshal.

Lists: Nothing to Report. No one has requested a lists person for the Tourney on Sunday.  
Deputy Marshal – Fencing: Rapier continues to require gear faster than he had gear for. Potentially 5 - 6 members. Request for funds to get equipment, as his personal gear is wearing out. Fibreglass rapier \$50. Masks around \$300 for two. Selwyn has had a two month break while getting married and going to Festival.

Deputy Marshal – Archery: Nothing happening. Up and coming trip to Auckland to help Matt and BJ Mole clear out their garage, and gain goodies. Tuesday nights is a potential night for the Poruria range at \$5 a head.

Oh and the Rapier Champions tourney will be held at Darton Anniversary in the traditional format.

Constable – Stepping down in August. Didn't photograph the lost and found. Unknown items will be auctioned at Darton Anniversary.

Chronicler – Need more articles. Alistair will be more ruthless. Clarion will continue to be gratis.

Arts and Sciences – Last two months off. Making sausages at Maggie's next Saturday.

Dance workshops – over 3 weekends. Held in the fighters practice hall every second Sunday. Sharon to notify list. She will also provide a CD of the music so people can get practice in at home as well.

Workshops – if we get May Crown 2008. Martin and Richard want to do a brew for the event. Alistair would like to too.

Spin in – Maggie wants a spin in again. Possibly at the Farm? Tamara and Stephen to check schedules.

## **Events**

Past events

*Arabian Feast* – 21 attendees. Event made \$54. Everyone had a good time.

## Future Events

Mid-winter Feast – Alistair wants to have servants. Bring a bottle of wine. Feast will be members \$20, non-members \$22. Noon to dusk on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, post solstice. A budget of \$17 per /person x 12 approved by Council.

Swap meet this Sunday after the Darton Champions Tourney series. Suggestion to see what we have on Michela's wish list.

Collegium – Full house on the timetable. Lunch needs to be pre-booked. Maggie is making the lunches.

Shoe workshop – Alisdair is teaching. Cost of materials will be between \$30 - 50 depending on shoe style and size. Suggested he puts the price list on the Darton list. People will need to pre-book supplied. Requests for something generic, 14 –15 th C.

No feast for Collegium – BUT Sharon volunteers. Feast would be in costume. The much aborted Peoples Choice Feast. Sharon to post to list by the weekend. Maggie to finalise details with Turnbull House.

## Darton Anniversary

Stuff up on website. Event form needs to go to Pegasus (via the Seneschal). Fighting in the morning, Arts and Sciences in the afternoon and feasting in the evenings. Friday will be the Wheel of Fortune Tourney . Saturday a traditional tourney, and What to do for the Archery and Rapier.. Dances list to Sharon. Arts and Sciences activities needed Alistair to do Tavern food for Friday night. Maggie to cook breakfasts and lunches (or not lunches if someone else wants to do them) Alistair wants to run Baset at the Ball. Tentative timetable to the list.

May Crown Tourney Bid – no news

## General Business

SCANZ Inc – Martin no longer on committee. Peter Grooby remains for an extended term for Southron Gaard.

Dillon – currently a Darton signature, but it's been sorted.

Tamara – Fighters practice at Oscar's Place. Richard to email Oscar about us all coming up for a visit.

*Meeting Finished 8:15 pm*

## Darton council positions available

Marshal (hand over as soon as possible)

Dillon is looking to stand down from Darton Marshal. Being marshal involves encouraging promoting and administering fighting activities in the Shire.

Please submit in writing, via email or paper to Maggie and Dillon before May Council meeting.

Herald (hand over as soon as possible)

Tamara has been group Herald for nigh on four years, and she would like a break. The herald's position involves being able to do accurate and timely paperwork and some heralding at events. Tamara is happy to continue to help out with the artwork if required.

Please submit in writing, via email or paper to Maggie and Tamara before May Council meeting.

Constable (hand over due at Darton Anniversary)

Alistair's term as Constable is up as of Darton Anniversary. Constable involves looking after health and safety issues, lost property, security, good behaviour of participants at events and periodicity issues at events.

Please submit in writing, via email or paper to Maggie and Alistair before July Council meeting.

## Darton Regular Events

*Fighters Practice and Rapier Practice* is held every Sunday 10 am to 2 pm at the Northlands Hall in Woburn Road, Northland. All welcome. Contact Martin on 04-976-0220 for details.

*Arts and Sciences* is held every Wednesday from 7 to 9:30 pm at the home of Maggie and Martin Forest. Contact Robyn McNeil 021 150 4876.

*Darton Council* is held at the same location as Arts and Sciences on the first Wednesday of the month. Council meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Contact Maggie 04-976-0220.

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### ***From the Chronicler***

Welcome to this, my last issue of the Clarion. Alistair Ramsden aka Master Stefano da Urbino has been accepted to succeed me as Chronicler. Under his tenure the Clarion will continue to be provided gratis to the populace of Darton.

I have found the last two years interesting, and thank Fru Marienna, and Master Stefano for their article contributions.

I've already moved to other roles within the group that will hopefully provide up with a few new members, and thus more fun.

Yours In Service, Lady Sancha da Sylva