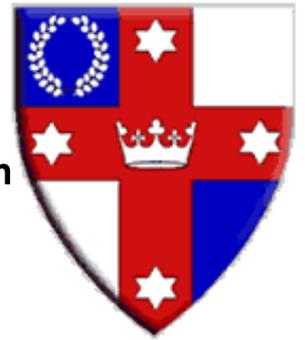




**Welcome to the Shire of Darton, the Wellington branch of the SCA (The Society for Creative Anachronism), in the Kingdom of Lochac.**



## **Introduction**

We are dedicated to the research and recreation of pre-17th century European History.

Our focus is on the practical applications of arts and sciences, including costuming, cooking, martial arts, dance, calligraphy and illumination, metalwork, archery and music (to name but a few!).

Our Kingdom comprises Australia and New Zealand. The Kingdom is a regional branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), an international non-profit educational organisation.

## **Who are we?**

We are a group of people with different backgrounds, education and life experiences, who enjoy recreating the good aspects of the Medieval period. We get together to enjoy feasting and camping. We love sharing our knowledge with each other, teaching and learning new skills.

## **What do we do?**

Recreate the best of History (we take out some of the icky bits). We achieve this through education and practical application of our medieval research. We build stuff as it was and marvel that it still works!

We do costuming, brewing, cooking, crafts, combat (sword fighting and/or fencing), archery, wood working, metal working, calligraphy.

If you do a craft / hobby there is likely to be a medieval version.

## **Where do we meet?**

Arts and Sciences – Wednesday evenings 7.00pm – 9pm, in Takapu Valley, Tawa. Please call 04-238-4752 for directions.

Fencing Fighter's Practice – Wednesday evenings 7.00pm – 9pm, in Takapu Valley, Tawa. Please call 04-238-4752 for directions. Contact: Thomas of Darton – 021-1489-873.

Heavy Fighter's Practice – Tuesday evenings, 6.30pm – 8pm, in Newlands & Sunday mornings in Takapu Valley, Tawa. Please Contact Richard Dagger for directions – 027-4646-432.

Archery – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 1pm, Karaka Park, Karaka Street, Wainuiomata. Contact: Selwyn McCallum – 021-533-384.

In Featherston – Contact Robyn Ramsden (06)308-8887.

## Some member details:

A brief introduction to some of us:

Seneschal (group “president”) – Jenny (aka - Lady Aliena de Savigny) interests include sewing, nalbinding, blackwork and embroidery and clothing of the Viking period

Reeve (treasurer) – Charly, interests including cooking

Marshal – Stephen (aka Baron Kjartan Stafngrimsson) interests include sword fighting, fencing, archery and recreating the Mongolian period.

Quartermaster – Tamara (aka Lady Kazimira Suchenko) interests include jewellery, recreating the Mongolian period

Webwright – Alistair – (aka - Baron Maestro Stefano da Urbino) interests include cooking, camping, literature, performance arts, martial arts.

Peter (aka Peter of Smithfield) interests include general history and swordmaking.

Helen (aka Helewys Myrie) interests in sewing, soon to be next Reeve.

Selwyn (aka Luan an Fael) interests in archery, fencing, bardic arts, brewing, heraldry, sword, mace and poleaxe combat.

Richard (aka Master Bernard Stirling) interests include making leather pouches, brewing, fighting

Zane (aka Iarnulfr Thorolfsson) interests include anything to do with fire, metalworking and Calligraphy

Ben (aka Diego Alonso Morena) interests include Fencing

## Some regular events:

These are a few of our regular event that our members organise or participate in:

**Collegium** – this is often held over Queen’s Birthday weekend in June. It is an informal opportunity to teach and learn various new skills.

**Darton Anniversary** – this is often a camping event, usually held at Brookfield’s Outdoor Centre in Wainuiomata (sleeping in cabins) and is our event for celebrating the forming of our group. Usually held in July / August.

**Canterbury Faire** – this is a week-long camping event held in January each year in Waipara, north of Christchurch. This is the largest gathering of SCA members in New Zealand, with many travelling from Australia to attend this event.

## How else to contact us?

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