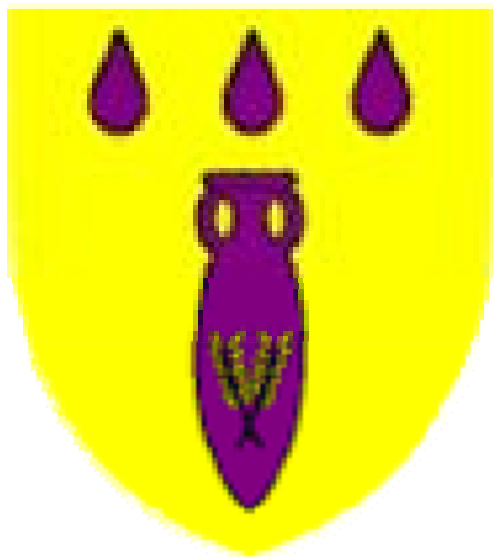


The Grapevine

The newsletter for the
Shire of Bacchus Wood

December 2005

WELCOME TO 'THE GRAPEVINE', THE OFFICIAL
NEWSLETTER OF THE BACCHUS WOOD GROUP!



REGULAR EVENTS

Bacchus Wood Meets
every Tuesday at 7:30 PM
at the Marsden Scout Hall
(Corner of Macaranga St &
Tamarind St. Entrance is off
Tamarind St.)

**Archery Practice &
Arts and Sciences**

Tuesday nights at the hall.

A notice of planned A&S nights will be
published in future editions of The
Grapevine

Shire Meeting

January 29th—Kara's place.

96 Wagesveldt St Kingston at 1pm.

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CHRONICLERS RANT

Well, if you've made it to this page, you have obviously not been put off by the gaudy grapevine graphics on the front page.

Welcome to the first edition, an edition that has been in the making for a year... And yet produced in two days...

It will improve I promise!

I do hope to make this a wholly respectable publication worthy to hold the Bacchus Wood logo, but to do this, I will require help! I can only rant for so many months before it grows a little tiresome for us both. If you have a poem, story or funny

photo, please send it to me pmorse@optusnet.com.au so I can add it into a future edition.

It will be my endeavor to make this a monthly publication, and with your help, we may just be able to make this a reality.



Your Cronicler...

An odd sod really

This space has been left blank on purpose.

It's purpose is to encourage you to provide something to fill it with!

See... More space right here for you!

OUR SENESCHAL SAYS...

As our current Seneschal is stepping down, and our new seneschal has yet to be revealed, there is an eerie silence in this section of the edition. Perhaps the new year will provide a greater abundance of valuable information.

Bacchus Wood would like to take this opportunity to thank Lady Yseult de Sancerre for her extraordinary efforts in her time in office. When I first joined the group in January of this year, we were but 6 in number, now we number close to 20 and

most of us are now card carrying members.

What will the new Seneschal bring to the group?

Watch this space ...

ARTS AND SCIENCES

It is fair to say that this year did not begin with a bang for our A&S, but with the help of several people, we have held a couple of nights of dancing. This proved to be most popular with many of the Bacchus Wood population, and I'm sure that these won't be the last.

Heraldry has also taken a front seat on the Tuesday nights with William of Castelle and Kara providing invaluable heraldic information. This has

given rise to a large number of the group embarking on designing their own heraldic device. The next step will be to submitting these for approval along with our names.



This flurry of heraldic happenings has also

given rise to a couple of banner-making workshop nights. It is our aim that all or near all of our populace will be able to display a personal banner, especially those who will be attending Rowany Festival next year.

A TALE OF HOSPITALITY

“Hospitality”

This little story is about the level of hospitality, and friendliness I have always seen in the SCA. I Only hope we as a group are upholding this standard.

My First feast was a Riverhaven event, and one thing in particular really stood out to me, as a newcomer. The food and atmosphere were great. More than what I has expected, although to tell the truth, I didn't really know what to expect. Once the food was eaten, most people settled down for a chat, and a drink, (Something I did in copious amounts, which led to a very good sleep that night, I can tell you). Not long after the “Formalities” of the evening were over, the good Baron Agro, and his good lady came to the table that Draco, Serina and I were seated at. The baron himself especially spent a great deal of time, just chatting to us, explaining things, telling

a few stories and generally entertaining us, and making us feel welcome. I mentioned to him that this seemed excessive, for a Baron to spend so much time with someone that is little more than a newcomer, but as he said at the time, “I feel it is a Baron's duty to welcome new people into the SCA, and to make them feel welcome”. Well, he certainly did that, and to this day, no matter how busy he has been at the time, or what he was doing, he has always seemed to take the time to chat to me, or show me something I didn't know. An excellent example of hospitality, that has continued over the years.

There was also a fighter there that night who made his own alcohol, and was sharing it around by the bottle too. Something that always helps make things more friendly!

My second, perhaps third event was also a Riverhaven event. It was the feast of Valhalla, the

feast of the dead. A unchivalric tourney followed by a great night of drinking, singing, and good food. Although not exactly period, the roast beef with Mushroom gravy was excellent! There are a couple of things that stand out in my memory from that event too.

As I was alone, (I had no consort then), I sometimes found myself sitting at the table, or standing in the hall alone, just watching others, or eavesdropping of conversations. Quite a few times people saw this, and came over to spend time with me, so I wouldn't be alone. They were only too happy to answer questions, tell stories, explain things about the SCA. Two people that stood out this night were Sir Alaric of Bangor, and his consort Nerrisa de Saye. There were at least two other people that came and chatted for longer periods, and numerous people that came and said hello, although I can't remember the names, and sometimes not even the faces, (Once

A TALE OF HOSPITALITY CONTINUED...

again, too much to drink). A few fighters too came up and chatted about the combat, always eager to have a new face to fight. Perhaps I may have become a heavy fighter, if I have not seen Alaric at my first event, and thought to myself “Bugged if I am going to stand around and let him hit me with a stick,

amour or not!”

Anyhow, these are the sorts of things that we must do to make newcomers feel welcome. Let’s not just hand them a book and say “Read this here”.... Sometimes it’s the personal stories, the time taken to explain things personally, that stay in your mind.

Gryffon of Abberffraw



AN INTERACTIVE TALE

I have an idea that I would like to put forward to the populous as a continuing idea for future publications of The Grapvine.

What I would like to do is start of a story, and story, and each month, I would like to see people put forward the next chapter of the story to the monthly edition. Thus each month the tale grows, but it grows as each of you put forward your own edition to it. As this is a newsletter for the people of Bacchus Wood, I would like to ensure that each of us has an opportunity to be able to contribute to the content the you get to read each month.

It’s an idea I’d like to see happen, but I’ll only run with this if I know it is going to have the support of the group.

Contact me with your ideas, and let me know if you feel that this may be a worthwhile addition to the publication—pmorse@optusnet.com.au

LIFE TIME

BY EMERENZIA

Life is a never-ending circle

Where time is obsolete

But in life, time is precious

for as time passes

Life becomes obsolete

BACCHUS WOOD MEETING MINUTES 27/11/2005

Bacchus Wood Meeting

27/11/2005

Meeting commenced at: 2:15pm

Attendees: Jenny, Steve, George, Kit, Chris, Michelle, Dave, Phil & Julie (Late)

Absent: Chele

Apologies: Margaret, John, Jenny

Seneschal's Report

\$150 going to Riverhaven has not been delivered as expected. A cheque was believed to have been given to Henry the Fox to be passed onto Riverhaven for the archery blunts – Julie is going to look into this.

Bacchus Wood Annual Event to be held on the 20th August next year.

No applications for the Hospitaller position.

Rowany Festival – At this stage, Bacchus Wood will be camping with Torlyon. Roughly \$100 for food fund.

Break-up Party – Tue 13th December at the hall. Start time 7pm.

Revel in garb – Pot luck dinner, please bring a plate.

A document was done several weeks ago, which should be arriving on a disk later this week.

Reeve's Report

All the books and paraphernalia for the position will be picked up later this week from Julia's place by Phil

BACCHUS WOOD MEETING MINUTES 27/11/2005

A&S

Arrow making workshop was a success

Archery has been continuing every Tuesday night.

Paints have been purchased for the Banner making workshop. Material needs to be purchased by those wishing to participate in the workshop.

Colours purchased are: Red, Black, Yellow, White, Blue & Purple. 1 litre of each has been bought

George has raised the point that the chat on the list about the banner workshop has not been clear. He was unable to discern whether this was a personal banner project or banners for the group.

This Tuesday will be another Heraldry & Banner Making workshop night.

People will need to bring:

Material – Linen, Cotton or Calico (Quantity 90x150cm)

Brushes, Newspaper, Money for the paint, drawing pins (Michelle will provide), pencil (2B or 4B), overhead transparencies (Phil will provide)

Check on overhead projector availability at hall (Julie has confirmed one is available)

Tuesday 6th December will be a continuation of the Heraldry Banner making workshop

Tuesday 12th January – Rowany prep talk and information night – Julie to chase Hrothgar to attend.

Webministers Report

Bacchus Wood has been entered into the Website competition.

Chris is requesting ideas and more material for the site

Chris has done a tidy up of the site

Suggested a 'Role of Arms' display on the site

Need to add a calendar

Password protected page to be created for full minutes

BACCHUS WOOD MEETING MINUTES 27/11/2005

Chroniclers Report

First edition will be out for the break-up party. If by some reason he does not get it done, he will offer to be an archery target... with no shield.

Minutes of this meeting will be included in The Grapevine.

More stories and pics for The Grapevine requested.

General Business

Blue Cards – Clarification has been given: If we run a child specific event (EG. Children's Camp), we need to have a blue card, however for demos and general events and training, we don't require one. Regardless of this, as a group, we will all be endeavouring to obtain a blue card. Forms will be brought on Tuesday night

Brisbane Medieval Faire – 13th & 14th May 2006. Assistance for this would be greatly appreciated as Riverhaven will have an encampment there.

The domain "BacchusWood.org.au" is available for \$99/2 yrs for the purpose of generating e-mail addresses.

William has suggested talking to Del for this as there may be a way to do this at no cost – Chris to investigate.

Market day at Burrows Public School is on Saturday, not Sunday as in previous meeting minutes.

Movie Ticket fund-raising to be looked into further.

December 'Men in Arms' Photos to be taken in December.

Plush horses for the Bacchus Wood Light Cavalry have been found at K-Mart – Julie to look into and lay-by.

Apple and Grape Festival – 4th & 5th March 2006

The next Bacchus Wood meeting will be on the 29th Jan 2006 at Kara's place – 96 Wagesveldt St Kingston at 1pm.

Ventures' want the hall for the Tuesday nights as of March. Group has voted not to change our night.

BACCHUS WOOD MEETING MINUTES
27/11/2005

Jean the Horn Master will not be attending Rowany this year and has offered for BW to sell his horns. Jean has offered \$300 to the group to run his stall. If BW is to sell our own item on the stall as well, then we should contribute to the stall costs.

Dave is requesting names on who is attending Rowany so transportation can be organized.

From Julie: The group has agreed to hire the council bus for the A&G festival at a cost of \$62 which includes a driver – Julie to organize

Roughly \$30 total per head for the weekend.

Police to be contacted in regards to weaponry.

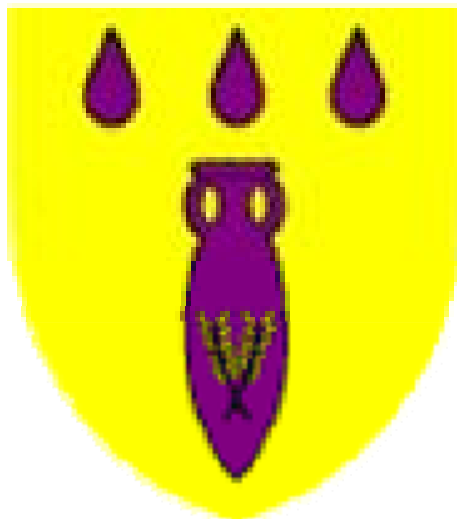
Dave: Captain of archers to be determined before Rowany.

People or organize armour.

Further field training also to be done early next year.

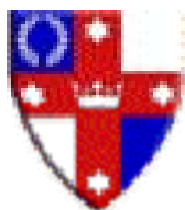
A posting to be made to the web for people who have been attending Tuesday nights meetings and haven't paid to do so this Tuesday night – Phil

Meeting closed at 4:20pm.



REGNUM

THE KINGDOM OF LOCHAC



Our King and Queen

Cornelius and Morwynna

Crown Prince and Princess

Edward and Yolande

THE SHIRE OF BACCHUS WOOD



Seneschal

Stepping Down—

Lady Ysuelte de Sancerre
(Julie Lynch)



Stepping up... Watch this space

Arts & Sciences

Lady Melisant de Bergerac
(Jenny)



Reeve

Stepping down—

Lord Aemonn MacGregor
(Philip Morse)



Stepping up... Watch this space

Herald

Lady Kara Kirriemuir
(Ra'chel Sihto)



Chronicler

Lord Aemonn MacGregor
(Philip Morse)



Web Minister

Llwyd Ionhar ap Maddog
(Chris Heart)



Deputy Web Minister

Lord Aemonn MacGregor
(Philip Morse)