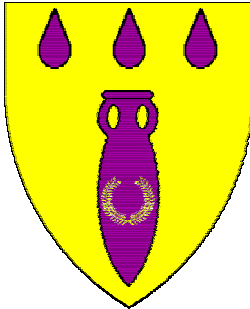


The Grapevine

Shire of Bacchus Wood Newsletter

December		AS-XLII (2007/8)
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REGULAR EVENTS

The
Shire of
Bacchus Wood
Meets every Tuesday,
~7pm to 9:30pm
At:
Eridani Hall
Eridani Avenue
Kingston
Queensland.
(Maps on back page)

Everyone welcome

OTHER EVENTS

Arts & Sciences, Archery,
Armoured fighting practice
and other activities - see the
Website Calendar for details

Come along !

Bacchus Wood Website:
http://sca.org.au/bacchus_wood/

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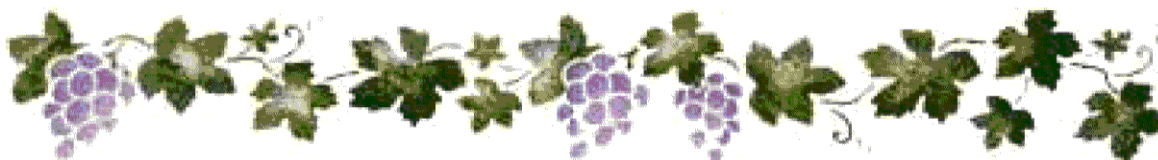
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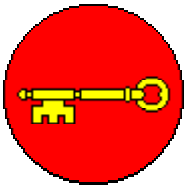
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1. Acting

SEN'S SAY

Acting Sen's Say:

It was a turbulent start to the month with the Seneschal, Lady Katherine, stepping down from the position of Seneschal earlier than expected. I was not happy to see her go, nor for the reasons she felt she had to. Lady Katherine will long be remembered as one of the Great Seneschals of Bacchus Wood because of her love and dedication to the Shire and everything she achieved.

Anyone wanting the Seneschals position had until the end of November to apply for the position. We are now waiting on the Kingdom Seneschal to make an appointment although no acknowledgement of any communication has happened so far.

In the meantime, we are in official 'limbo' as without a Seneschal we are not officially a group. But we can do no more but continue as we are. It is up to the Kingdom Seneschal now and I hope for a swift resolution to this.

As such, I will continue to act in this position as appointed by Lady Katherine.

On a brighter note . . . for a limbo'd Shire, we had a great time at the Revel on Saturday 1st December. There were not many of us but we dined and drank all we wanted from some very tasty fare. Everybody had a very enjoyable time.

I may run another Revel in January or February.

Several of us attended the River Haven Baronial Archery Championships. It is great to see us out there doing things with other groups and having fun.

I want to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year and remind everyone that we have a New Years Party on here at the hall on the 31st starting at 7pm. This is a costume / garb-optional event. Please bring a plate of food or sweets.

Lastly, please take care, we want to see you again next year.

Yours in Service to the Shire of Bacchus Wood,

Madog Llwyd ap Madog
Acting Seneschal – Bacchus Wood



6. Archery Captain

It's been a relatively quiet month. The group had an IKAC at Willoughbyvale who hosted the River Haven Baronial Archery Championship where we did very well.

It was good to see the turnout from our Shire and success was ours on the day and at least two Bacchus Wood Archers got personal bests. The Championship winner was from Bacchus Wood. Well done everyone !

Thanks to Ben and Mel for their help with the target butts. Speaking of which, Hrothgar from Willoughbyvale tells me he has another bale of the same packing they used for theirs and that we can use it. It is far superior to the carpet packing in ours and so I will be making arrangements to get and install the contents of that bale. Thank you Hrothgar ☺

I have asked that Bacchus Wood runs the archery at Great Northern war (GNW) in 2008. We will see what happens now as St Florians are the Event Organisers this year with Baron Giles as the Event Steward. I would like a hand organising the Archery Events if the Steward accepts our offer.

We had a great year in 2007, We have done well and many members are getting quite respectable scores.

Young Lord Collum did extremely well, coming first in the Lochac Junior Division (with a period bow?), and third in the SCA wide Keeper of the IKAC Youth Division. Very well done !

It is gratifying to see so many Bacchus Woodians in both the Lochac and Keeper of the IKAC result lists even if some of them are put down as coming from somewhere else ☺

May your arrows fly straight and true and Santa bring you some nice archery thingos ☺

Yours in Service,

Madog Llwyd ap Madog
Captain of Archery –
Shire of Bacchus Wood



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3. Bacchus Wood Meeting Minutes 5th Dec 2007

Meeting opened: 7:50pm

Present: Alison, Ben, Andy, Rachel, Phil, Jenny, Chris

Apologies: Kim & Steve, John

Previous minutes were not available and will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Incoming Mail: Bank Statement, November Grapevine, Event notices from WV

Outgoing Mail: Email to B&B River Haven about dates for events for events meeting.

Reeve:

Outgoing: Monthly rent, Purchase of Tent

Incoming: Approx. \$150 in total. Statement balance is \$982.02

Ledger balance still to be worked out as have just received statement tonight.

(acting) Seneschals report: See (acting) Sen's Say.

Archery Report: See Captain of Archery report.

A&S : Not present.

Herald: Nothing to report.

General Business:

Chris:

I'm looking for people to fill positions to help the shire. Phil has indicated he would like to take on the Captain of Archery position and Ben has indicated he would like to become the Group Constable after training for Constable at large.

The Shire officially is in limbo-land, as the Kingdom Seneschal had not yet appointed anyone as Seneschal. I will be chasing this up, as we need the position filled to remain a Shire. In the meantime I will continue to fill in as Acting Seneschal as appointed by the outgoing Seneschal.

An email to the Baron & Baroness River Haven was sent on the 3rd December after they kindly offered to represent us at the meeting, which is being held tonight with St Florians about the event dates for 2008. Thank you River Haven for acting on our behalf.

Apple and Grape Festival 2008 – Stanthorpe. I will be contacting Castellum Montanum about this. Several members expressed interest to go to this fun event. Possible accommodation at the Scout Den like last year. Car-pooling is a great idea. An Archery event or 'Shoot the Knight' is totally out of the picture.

It was mentioned in the River Haven Rag that Willoughby Vale might be going Shire next year some time. We would of course assist our great friends at Willoughby Vale if this occurs.

Willoughby Vale also has three events booked in for next year: Red and White Tourney, 20th Anniversary and the Annual Event. Please see the whiteboard or the online Events Calendar for more details.

Willoughby Vale have been great friends of Bacchus Wood and so we should continue to support them by attending these events as we should do for all local group events.

The Bacchus Wood New Years Celebration will be on the 31st December at the Eridani Hall in Kingston. Details are on the Events Calendar. Costume or Garb is not compulsory but encouraged. Bring a plate of food and I will bring a turkey. [Brief discussion ensued about turkey's revenge ☺] There will be a limited supply of Jean the Hornmaster spirits but mixers are up to attendee's.

[SHOUTS] FESTIVAL IS ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY !



It is nearly here. By the time Christmas and New Year is over and done, Festival will be almost upon us. Now is the time to make sure everything is in order for a wet Rowany Festival !
One very important thing is to make sure the floor of your tend is sealed and secure. The site is reported to have leeches and a lot of surface water when it rains. There is a 50% chance of rain every day.

Ra'chel:

The Little Athletics Field Committee met and we have tentative permission to use the fields for our IKAC and possibly other events. The season we can use it is from March to October with the field also being used heavily in September so we need to avoid that one month.

The LA Committee requires a letter from us outlining the usage we propose, insurance documents (the ones on the Lochac website are incorrect), and our proposal of helping them keep the grounds tidy etc in return (Mowing, litter etc).

Acting Seneschal to find out more on insurance certificate as evidently the one on the Lochac website is not the proper one – it is the second page stating the sub indemnities, not the first page which states the total indemnities. It implies our indemnity is only \$50,000

I want to run a collegia on March 15 &16 2008 - just before Festival, to cover arrow making, fancy fletching, cook skills, bookmaking, shoe making, SCA etiquette and more.

The event could be a potluck style and cost to be around the \$20 mark including hall hire, materials and lunch. Teachers would be half price.

Will fill out an event form for this after the meeting.

Alison:

I want to draw everyone's attention to the needle stick injury recently with Kelly. We must keep the children out of the garden beds and everyone must keep an eye on the children, especially the parents, as this is a public park.

Chris: Make sure that we instruct the children to not play in inappropriate places if we see them.

Jenny:

One thing I noted at the recent revel. The SCA etiquette was absent and the event lost some of it's 'magic'. It was friendly, interesting, and enjoyable but it didn't have that 'magic' to set the atmosphere.

[General agreement] Something to watch in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:09pm



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4. WHATS ON

Important dates to remember from the meeting and Website Calendar

December 31 st 2007 2008	New Years Party at the BW Hall. Starts 7pm
February 9 th	Willoughby Vale Red and White Tournay
March 15 th & 16 th	Collegia at the hall. Two day event. (proposed)
March 21 st – 24 th	ROWANY FESTIVAL – Glenworth valley, NSW
April 12 th	Willoughby Vale 20 th Anniversary
May 17 th & 18 th	Bacchus Wood Camping event
June 7 th – 9 th	Great Northern War

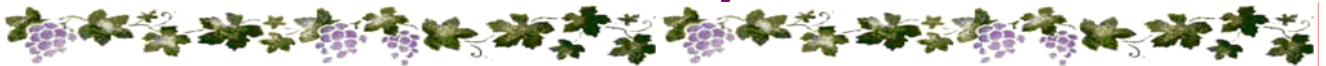
See the Bacchus Wood Website Calendar for more details.



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Somewhere where you can contribute to future editions of

The  Grapevine



5. General Articles

Talking about Archery - The Sport of Legends.

By lord Jean Amy

String Silencers

If you want to quieten down a bow with string silencers use Fur for the string silencers. All you need is a couple of fur strips. If however you want to use modern materials then fleece works well and if you want to be in the middle, wool yarn. The downside of string silencers is that you are sacrificing some bow speed. But your target probably will not "Jump the String".

Rain

If you ever have to shoot in the rain you will quickly discover that your feather fletched arrows don't work so well as Wet feathers do not work that good. So what to do?

First off try and keep them dry and second spray them with Scotchguard, if it looks like being a wet day. (Some people reckon that hairspray works but I have never had any success with it.)



How to keep them dry? Try a fletch cover or make yourself a St Charles quiver with a closed top or be even more authentic and make an arrow bag with a drawstring top as per the English medieval types.

Fluffy Strings

Fluffy Strings are not a new fashion accessory for your bow. Rather they are bowstrings that are desperately in need of wax. Strings that are suffering from a lack of wax are much slower than waxed string and the velocity varies a bit according to how much it balloons on each shot. So not only do you get a slow arrow but you also get an arrow that will have an inbuilt vertical inaccuracy. Easy to fix - just wax your bowstring. Where to get wax? Allison (lady Ismena) sells pure beeswax in small amounts and it is also handy to wax your threads before doing a bit of sewing.



The Tale of Ailig A'Mire.

He left the land of
thistle & heather.
Headed abroad to seek
fairer weather.
It's said that he departed
with speed & agility.
After many a dalliance
with the female nobility.
Many a Peer and Lord
in his rage.
Cried "Ailig is truly
the scoundrel of this age.

The crusades were calling
for souls brave and pure.
Whether he fit this mould
we're all too unsure.
A'mire fought true
reckless but brave.
Of his daring deeds
the balladeers did rave.
Next we hear he had
arrived in Rome.
For a papal blessing
then a quick trip home.

He landed in Calais
and traveled through France.
Till chased over the border
at the point of a lance.
From Spain he was lucky
to escape with his life.
After a sojourn in Madrid
with the Marquis' wife.
His brief stay in Lisbon
proved no blessing.
Caught with a Countess
in the state of undressing.

In these current middle ages
he resides in Bacchus Wood.
And from what I have seen
does nothing but good.
Whether these tales are
fiction or fact.
We cannot be sure
for proof is lacked.

ANON

Submitted by lord Captain Ramon



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Other SCA Groups In Terra Reginis (Queensland)

Baronies :

Riverhaven

Meet every Wednesday evening at 7pm at their hall in Wesley Street, Lutwyche.
<http://sca.org.au/RiverHaven/>

St Florian de la Riviere

Fighter practice - Monday evenings at 7pm at the Southern Cross Rugby League Club, Graceville Avenue, Graceville.
A&S – Thursday evenings - Scout Hall, Waterview Tce, Dutton Park. 7pm start
http://sca.org.au/st_florians

Cantons:

Willoughby Vale

Meet every Thursday, 7 - 10pm at the Guide Hut, Griffith Road (near Ipswich PCYC).
IKAC 1st Sunday of every month. 10am - 3pm at Ipswich Central School Oval.

Draks Fjord

Meet every 2nd Monday of every month.
Contact Seneschal for details.
Fighter practice - 2nd Sunday of every month at 29 Redbank Road, Redcliffe.

Burnfield

Meet every Monday at: Hallen's Hobbies, 34C Quay Street, Bundaberg.
Contact A&S Officer for more details

Castellum Montanum

Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month. 7:30 - 10pm. Contact Seneschal for details



His Lordship William Castille receiving his grant of Arms - Crown Tourney - Castellum Montanum



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The Kingdom of Lochac

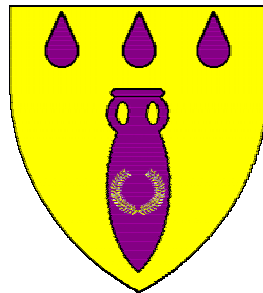


Our King: Sir Hugh the Little
&

Queen: Therasa Comins

Crown Prince and Princess :
Sir Berenger of Nancy and Lady Bethan of Brockwood

Shire of Bacchus Wood



**Acting Seneschal
Arts & Sciences
Reeve**

**Captain of Archery
Herald**

Chronicler/Webminister

Madog Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)
Rebekah of Woods Dell (Bec)

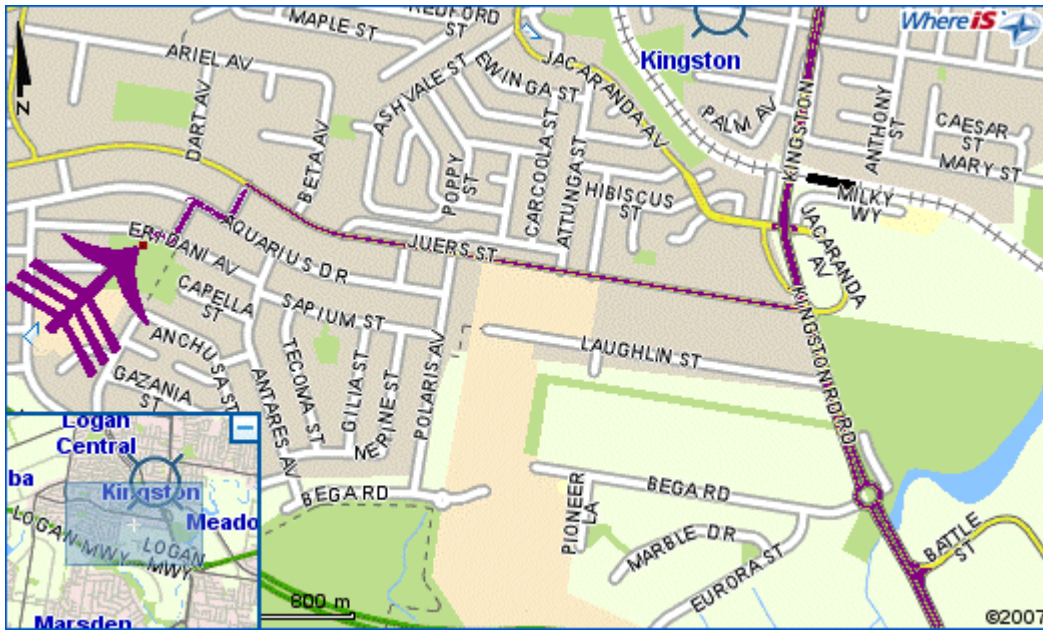
Ismena Gamell (Alison)
Madog Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)
Kara Kirriemuir (Ra'chel)

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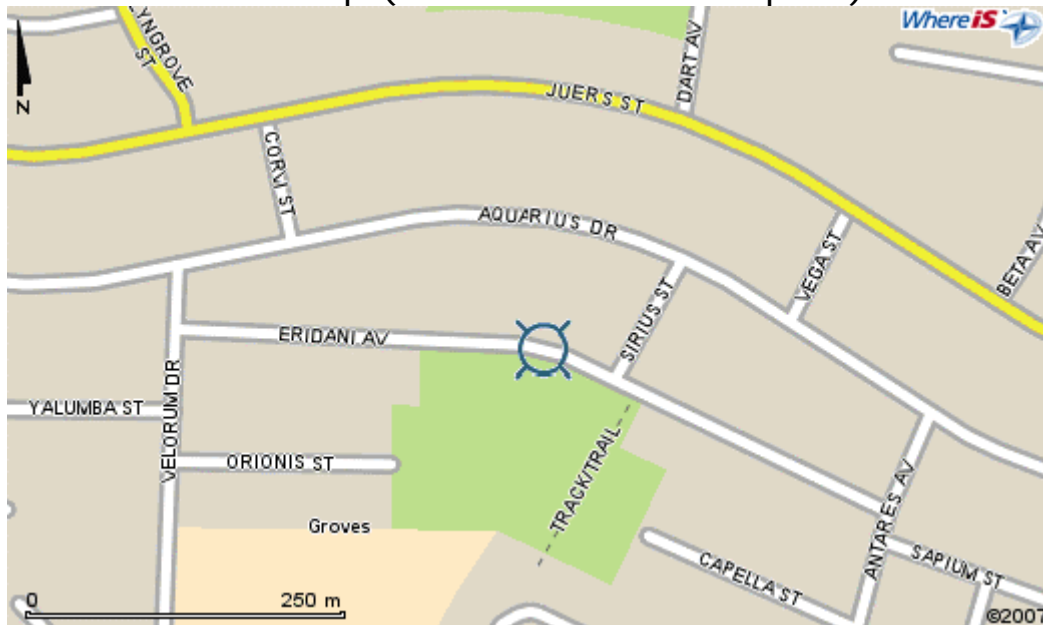
How to find the Shire of Bacchus Wood

MAPS



You can also come from the west (left side) via Third Avenue

Closer up (The circle is our carpark)



Maps from <http://Whereis.com.au>

The easiest way - From Kingston Road:

- Turn into Juers Street and proceed until Vega Street,
- Left into Vega Street
- Right into Aquarius Drive
- Left into Sirius Street
- Right into Eridani Avenue
- We are 70M up on the left side – pull into car park.